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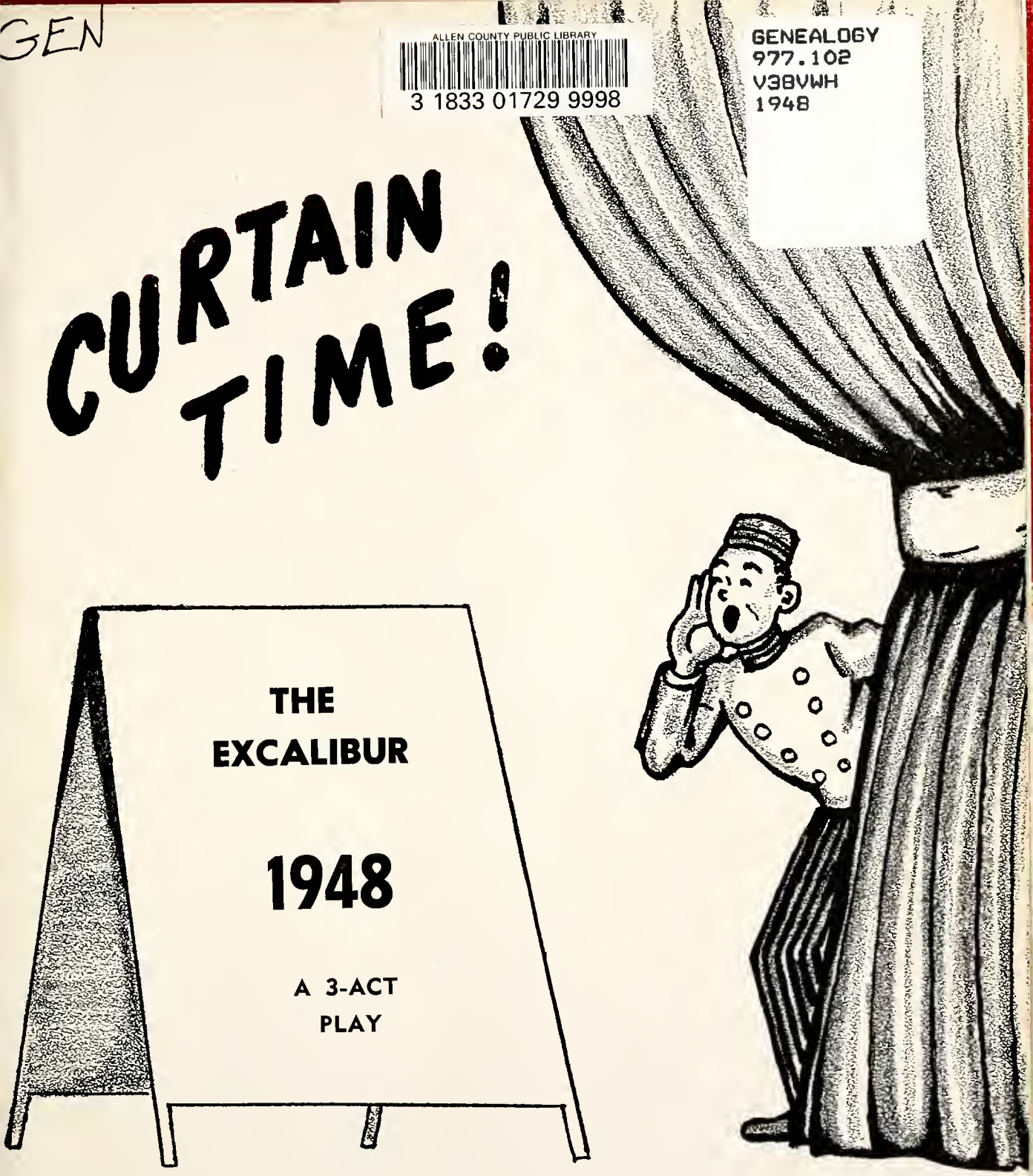

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On Stage and

Backstage

ALMA MATER

O Van Wert Hi, the school we love,
Our true devotion we would prove;
Thy traditions gladly share,
The noble banner proudly bear.
On our work and in our play
We'll ever strive to lead the way.
School we love, on us rely,
The loyal youth of Van Wert Hi.

VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL SONG

We're loyal to you Van Wert High
We're all staunch and true Van Wert High
We'll back your stand
Against the best in the land
For we know you will win Van Wert High
Rah! Rah!

Go crashing ahead Van Wert High
Go smashing ahead Van Wert High
Our team is our faith protector
Our boys will expect
A victory from you Van Wert High.

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts.

In the past four years the members of the class of 1948 have been actors in the drama of high school living. The first curtain rose when they entered the theater as freshmen, and now the final curtain falls. Each has had his lines, long and short, and has done his part to keep the drama moving. The following pages attempt to depict the play in all its phases. We hope you will enjoy reading it as we have enjoyed producing it.

ACT I

Scene

The Classroom

ACT II

Scene

The Gridiron

ACT III

Scene

The Clubroom

MR. R. D. BENNETT

Dedication

We, the Senior Class of 1948, dedicate this thirtieth volume of our Excalibur to Mr. R. D. Bennett, our superintendent and friend, as an expression of our appreciation for his valuable work in the improvement of our schools.

The Directors

J. S. Hall

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R. D. Bennett

Gordon Alspach, Vice-President

F. Earl Shaffer, Clerk

Five men in our community have the distinction of serving on the Van Wert Board of Education. These men give their valuable time to the schools because they have a deep interest in the school system. They consider it their civic duty to preserve high standards in governing the education of all the school children. The business and professions of the board members are as follows:

Mr. Gordon Alspach—Gamble-Alspach Funeral Home.
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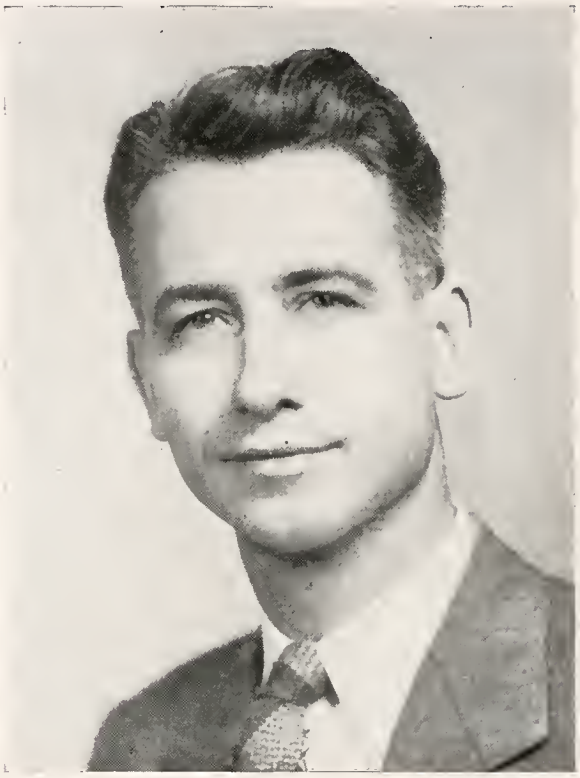
Mr. Gordon Balyeat—Balyeat Furniture Company.
Mr. F. E. Shaffer—employed as Clerk of the Board and acts as attendance officer and superintendent of buildings and grounds.

Superintendent R. D. Bennett is also shown in the picture.

R. D. BENNETT

Mr. R. D. Bennett has successfully carried the burden of making progress in the city schools for the past two years. With all modern ideas available, he has shaped the education of the students into practical living as well as fundamental and essential learning. The tasks he has performed in the past have been done well and the future looks equally as bright. It is with the utmost confidence in his leadership that we extend our appreciation and respect to him.



MR. JAMES A. WIGGINS

Mr. James A. Wiggins will, this year, complete two years of service as principal of Van Wert High School. This service has been rendered with a sincere desire to be of assistance to both students and faculty. Those who have worked with him know of his appreciative attitude toward earnest effort. He is deeply interested in student activities as well as extracurricular activities. Our high school has greatly benefited by this able leadership.

Faculty

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Ohio State University
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V Club Advisor
Director of Visual Education

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Senior Mathematics
Citizenship
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Hi-Y Advisor

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Ohio Northern University
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Journalism
Excalibur Advisor

Faculty

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Y-Teens Advisor

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Columbia University
University of Illinois
University of Wisconsin
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Advanced Geometry
Chemistry
General Science
Football Coach
Assistant Basketball Coach

ROW 2

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General Science
Hi-Y Advisor

HERBERT TODD
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Instructor of Auto Mechanics and Its Related Subjects

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Dana's Musical Institute
Indianapolis Conservatory
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Orchestra
Dance Orchestra
Instrumental

MRS. MARY JO WISE
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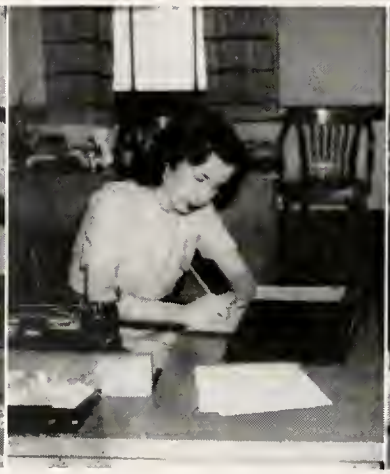
Y-Teens Advisor

Alice Ann Baxter

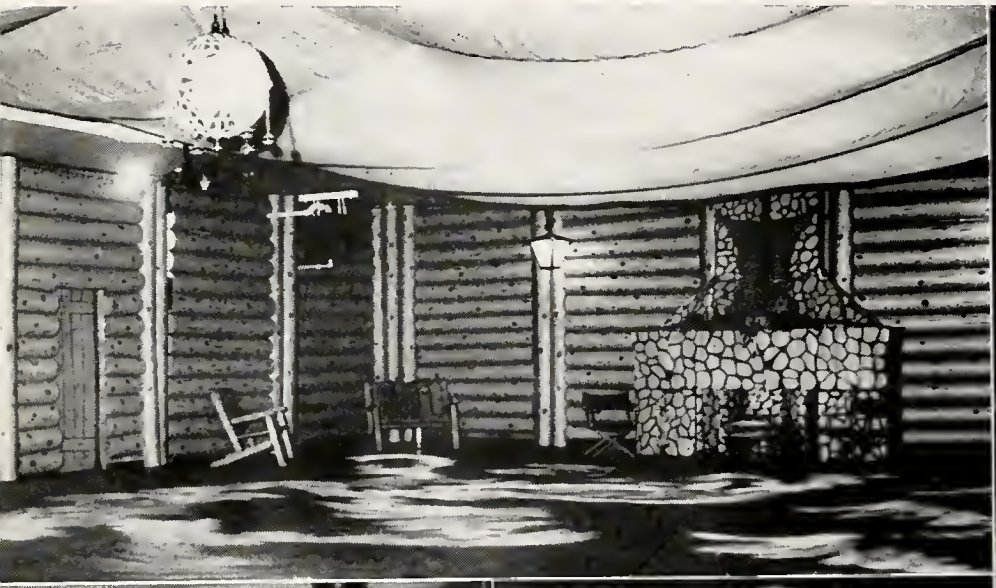


Lois Klausing

Joan Schaeper

Snowball

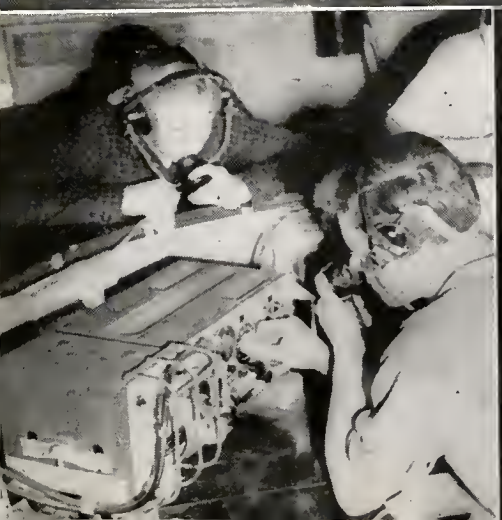
Calling All Cars



Cheek to Cheek

Mr. and Mrs.

Prom Date



ACT I — *Celebrated Seniors*

Thomas Buerkley Dougal Kreischer

CLASS MOTTO
Know Thyself
Before All Others

CLASS FLOWER
Yellow Rose

CLASS COLORS
Yellow and Brown

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

The chief actors in the high school drama of the past four years have been the seniors of 1948. At least, being seniors, that is our opinion. The leading roles were handled with excellent ability.

To guide the destiny of our class this year, we elected Don Thomas as president; Dale Dougal, vice-president; Zela Buerkley, secretary; and Roger Kreischer, treasurer.

The senior members of the student council, the legislative body of our school, are Dale Dougal, Jay Hall, Dan Jerome, Joan Kiggins, Martha Stoops, Don Thomas, Marion Phillips, and Bill Seavy.

Our class had an outstanding representation on the National Honor Society. Sixteen seniors were elected on the basis of character, scholarship, leadership, and service—Marilyn Baxter, Mildred Beemer, Virginia Brokaw, Rogers Fraylick, Patricia Imler, Joyce Johnson, Joan Kiggins, Peg Kintz, Carolyn Lehman, Rosalie Mavis, Betty Lou Miller, David Perry, Marilyn Poling, Wayne Sidle, Benjamin Waitman, and David Zeigler.

Many seniors worked outside of school hours, but our participation in extracurricular activities has been excellent. Rogers Fraylick is president of Hi-Y; Carolyn Lehman, president of G.A.A.; Pat Benford, of Y-Teens; Bill Seavy, of F.F.A. and Student Council; Don Thomas, of V-Club; Martha Davies, of F.H.A.; Jay Hall, of F.T.A.; Betty Lou Miller, of the National Honor Society; and Roger Cobb and Pat Benford, co-chairmen of the Rendezvous Committee. Other officers of these clubs and organizations are composed of many senior students.

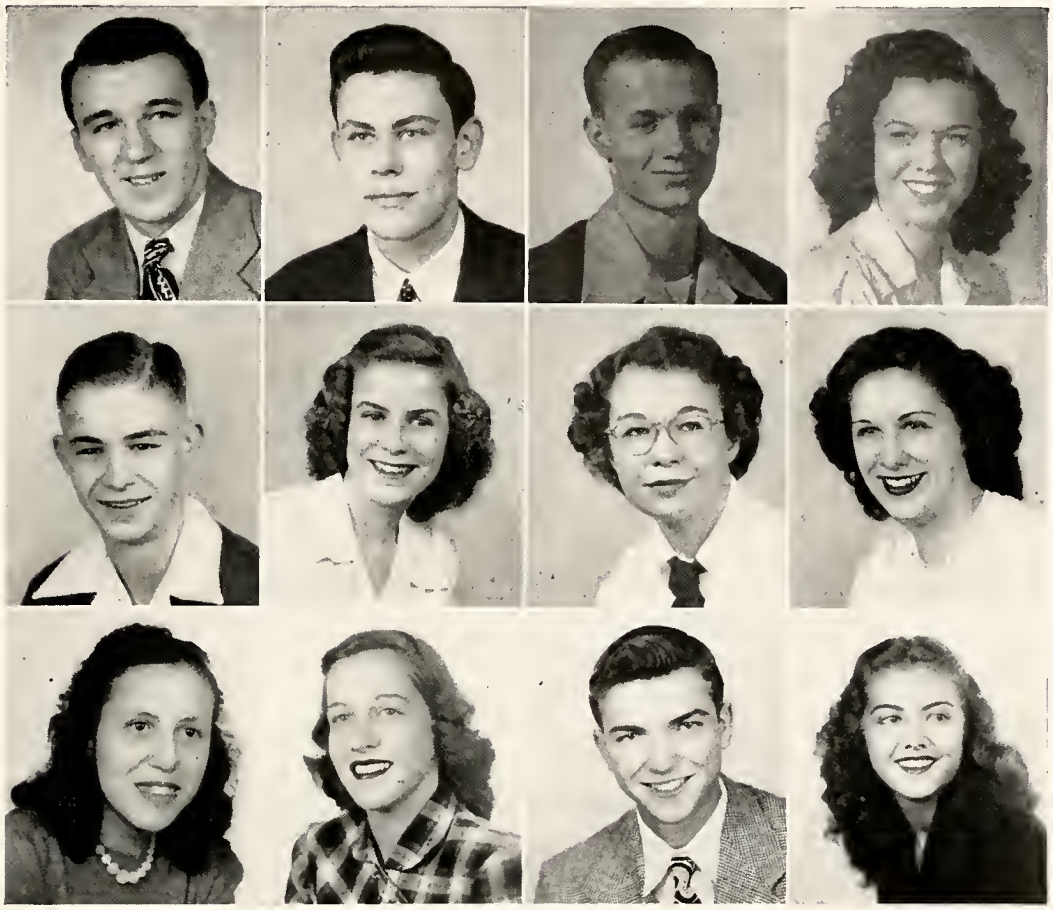
Our class had an excellent representation in the sports field. The senior girls were outstanding in their intramural play and won the All-Star girls' championship trophy. The F.F.A. led the boys' intramural play in both the league and tournament.

Dale Dougal, Glen Jenkins. Robert Laing, David Perry, Bill Seavy, Bill Purmort, Sam Tindall, Roger Vetter, Marion Phillips, and Don Thomas received letters in football this year.

Many seniors with musical ability are active in chorus and band. Roger Cobb was elected president of the chorus, and Jay Hall is president of the band.

Five girls were chosen to represent our class and school in the D.A.R. contest. Those who took the test were Peg Kintz, Rosalie Mavis, Virginia Brokaw, Marilyn Poling, and Pat Imler.

As our high school drama draws to a close, the drama of life unfolds before us. We have had our various roles in the high school drama, but the roles which await us depend only on our own initiative and ambition.



ROW 1

THOMAS EDWIN AGLER
"Sleepy"
Tom is a lad who's hard to please,
But he's full of mischief and ready to tease.
Football 3; Hi-Y; "V" Club; Band 1; Hollywood Extra Committee; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 3, 4; "Great Big Doorstep"; "In The Tunnel".

NOLAN AINSWORTH
"Fingers"
Nolan may be quiet and oh, so still,
But in attentiveness lies his skill.
Chorus 1, 2; Trades and Industries.

DEAN FRANCIS ANDERSON
"Bony"
Happy is he from care he's free
He's got his girl, on that we agree.
Trades and Industries.

ISABEL ARTHUR
"Isie"
She's little, she's wise,
She's a terror for her size.
Chorus 1, 2, 3.

ROGER SCOTT
"Scotty"
Though he has many silent ways
He's one that will be happy all his days.
Trades and Industries.

ROW 2

CHARLES BAER
"Cub"
Cub's the type that likes to be free
When a high old time is to be had,
there he'll be.
Trades and Industries.

JANE ARLENE BAGLEY
"Janie"
So engaging a smile that none
can compare
Friends like her are becoming rare.
G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Play Committee; Hollywood Extra Committee.

KATHRYN JANE BAGLEY
"Katie"
Oh, so quiet, but pleasant we agree,
Someday a grand housewife she'll be.
Prom Committee; F.H.A.

LaDONNA RUTH BAGLEY FEASBY
"Donna"
To one boy she remains true
And that's something you can't outdo.
Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2.

ROW 3

MARGARET AMILY BARRIENTOS
"Margo"
You can count on her to be a friend
She's sure to be one 'till the end.
Prom Committee.

MARY ELLEN BARTLETT
"Pudge"
She is friendly and full of fun,
Also liked by everyone.
Y-Teens; Y-Teen Cabinet 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 4; Prom Committee; "Hollywood Extra"; Invitation Committee.

RICHARD CLARK BAXTER
"Dick"
A businessman it's plain to see
And he's as friendly as can be.
Hi-Y; Excalibur Staff; "V" Club; Student Council 3; Cheerleader 4; Chorus 1, 2; Hollywood Extra Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Basketball Manager 1, 2; Scarlet Quill; Rendezvous Committee; "In The Tunnel".

MILDRED BEEMER
"Millie"
We chose "Millie" as our Queen,
Cause we think she's really keen.
G.A.A.; National Honor Society 4; Chorus 1, 2; Ring and Pin Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROW 1

PATRICIA LOU BENFORD

"Pat"
Here's a gal with hair of red
She's very popular so it's been said.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Y-Teen Cabinet 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 2, 3; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Scarlet Quill; Rendezvous Committee 4.

MARILYN BILLIEU

"Billieuie"
This is a girl whose name is Billieu,
To a friend, she'll always be true.

G.A.A.; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

JANE ELIZABETH BROCKERT

"Janie"
Jane's one who's very demure,
She'll never worry, her future is secure.

Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2.

VIRGINIA ANN BROKAW

"Ge Ge"
"Ge Ge" has brain power plus,
She's bright and friendly to all of us.

Y-Teens; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Class Motto, Flower, and Color Committee; D.A.R. Contestant; Scarlet Quill; "In The Tunnel"; Hollywood Extra Committee; Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Contestant.

ROW 2

MIRIAM E. BROWN

"Brownie"
Miriam's love is for the west
Good luck to her and all the best.

G.A.A.; Chorus 1.

ZELA MAE BUERKLEY

"Zeke"
This is a gal that likes the sports,
Everything from swimming to
tennis courts.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Lyre Club; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officers, Secretary 3, 4: Orchestra 1, 2; Dance Orchestra 1, 2, 3; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

FRANKLIN E. CHIVINGTON

"Red"
This guy's his mother's son,
And to make it rhyme, he can't
be outdone.

Football 1; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Basketball 1; Boys' Intramurals 1.

MARTHA ELLEN CONLEY

"Ellie"
With Talent "Ellie" surely was blessed,
In dramatics and singing her career
does rest.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 4; Prom Committee; "Betty Lou"; Hollywood Extra Committee; Class Officer, Secretary, 1; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Scarlet Quill; "Stoney's Brides"; "Great Big Doorstep".

ROW 3

HELEN JOAN CONWELL

"Jo"
Joan is tall and very sweet,
One you all would like to meet.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Junior Class Play Committee; Speech Play Committee.

MARTHA MAE DAVIS

"Red"
This fair lass named Martba Mae,
Is the President of F.H.A.

Y-Teens; F.H.A.; Hollywood Extra Committee; "In The Tunnel"; Buckeye Girl's State.

HELEN LOUISE DAVIS

"H. D."
She is witty and carefree too,
While with her you're never blue.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROSEMARY DILWORTH

"Rosie"
Full of fun and fancy free,
When a good time is had,
there she'll be.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2; Student Council 1; Cheer Leader 3, 4; Hollywood Extra Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; "Pink For Proposals"; Speech Class Play Committee.

ROW 1

DALE RICHARD DOUGAL

"Posey"

Dale's a fella' that's always staid,
We've never known him to be afraid.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y; Student Council 4; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Vice-president 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Invitation Committee; "V" Club.

DORIS EILEEN EDWARDS

"Shorty"

Perhaps a little shy,
But a friend you can't deny.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3; Chorus 1, 2; "Great Big Doorstep"; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; One-act Play Committee; Hollywood Extra Committee.

ANNABELL ESCHBACH

"Billie"

Always willing to do her share,
People like this are very rare.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3; Y-Teens; Chorus 1; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2; F.H.A.

ROBERT OTTO ETZLER

"Ott"

Whenever there's a call,
Bob's not one to stall.

Hi-Y; Prom Committee; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 3, 4; Hollywood Extra Committee.

ROW 2

LOIS RUTH EVANS

"Blondie"

Typing and shorthand will always be,
Her favorite subjects, as you will see.

Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 3.

JOHN ROGERS FRAYLICK

"John"

Rogers is a friend and swell to know
Everything he does is just so.

Hi-Y; Hi-Y Cabinet 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Student Council 3; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Baseball 4; Boys' Intramurals 4; Boy Rotarian; "In The Tunnel"; Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Contestant.

PAT FLANAGAN

"P. M."

Pat's a girl you can't criticize
And we know she's one you'll all recognize.

"The Whole Town's Talking"; Chorus 1, 2; G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Y-Teen Cabinet 3.

BONNIE FOREMAN

Bonnie's an all around lass,
An asset to any class.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 4; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROW 3

HELEN MARIE FURRELL

"Fat"

Long black locks has this gal,
To one and all she's a pal.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Lyre Club; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROBERT GALLOWAY

"Hunk"

This real gone guy,
Seems to make the girls all sigh.

Football 1; Boys' Intramurals 3, 4; Hi-Y; Speech Play Committee.

DOROTHY JEANNE IRENE GERMANN

"Jeanie"

Dorothy, in bookkeeping does excel
We all know that she'll do well.

G.A.A.; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lyre Club.

RITA ARLINE GRIMES

Her pretty smile caught our eye,
And her voice can reach notes so high.

Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; "Hollywood Extra"; Junior Class Play Committee; Speech Play Committee.

ROBERT SHERRICK

"Bob"

Bob is a boy from the T. and I.
We all agree he's a pretty good guy.

Trades and Industries.

ROW 1

JAY LANDRUM HALL

His horn is oh so mellow,
To state a fact, he's a ladies' fellow.

Hi-Y; Student Council 4; Lyre Club; Chorus 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; F.T.A.; Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Orchestra 4; Baseball 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Rendezvous Committee 2; Prom Committee; Band Cabinet.

PAULINE JOYCE HERRING

"Joy"

Friendly, Cute, Full of Fun,
She is liked by everyone.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; Student Council 2; "The Whole Town's Talking" Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; "Hollywood Extra"; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Invitation Committee.

CAROL HISEY

"Hiz"

"Hiz" has brains and looks to boot,
And has ways that are sure to suit.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens; Y-Teen Cabinet 1, 2; National Honor Society 4; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Chorus 1, 4; Ring and Pin Committee; "Hollywood Extra"; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

SHIRLEY ANN HOLLAND

"Shirl"

Here's a gal with energy and pep,
The gang admits she's really hep.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Prom Committee; "In The Tunnel"; "Hollywood Extra Committee; Scarlet Quill.

ROW 2

RICHARD G. HUMERICKHOUSE

"Gomer"

He'd like to see many a foreign shore,
To see where was written many a lore.

Hi-Y.

PATRICIA L. IMLER

"Pat"

As "Evvie" she had lots to say,
She's a star in every way.

National Honor Society 4; "The Whole Town's Talking"; "The Great Big Door Step"; Girls' Intramurals; D.A.R. Contestant; Speech Play Committee.

PATRICIA JANE IRWIN

"Patsy"

A secretary she's studying to be,
She'll succeed, you wait and see.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; Chorus 1; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Scarlet Quill; "Pink Ior Proposals".

DAN REED JEROME

"Danner"

Baseball and basketball are his
main games,
In both of these he's won our acclaim.

Hi-Y; "V" Club; Student Council 4; Chorus 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 3.

ROW 3

JOYCE JOHNSON

"Blondie"

She has charms that very few do,
And likes to do the things you do.

National Honor Society 4; "In The Tunnel".

ELIZABETH JEAN JONES

"Liz"

Gay, good natured, jolly as well,
What she will do next, no one can tell.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Play Committee; Hollywood Extra Committee.

JOAN ELAINE KIGGINS

"Jo"

We voted her the friendliest lass
That we could find in all our class.

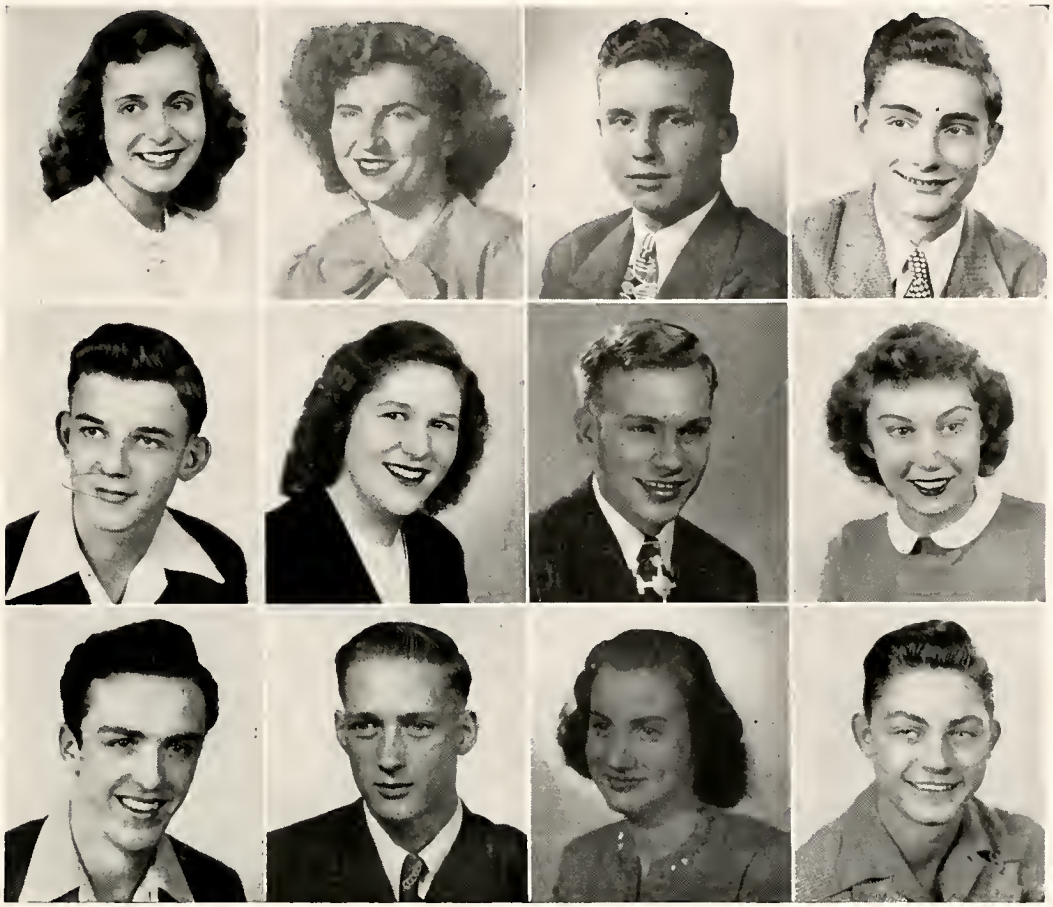
G.A.A.; Y-Teens; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 4; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; D.A.R. Contestant; Scarlet Quill; Rendezvous Committee 3, 4; Buckeye Girl's State.

JACQUELINE KING

"Jackie"

Here is another Senior lass,
She's got looks and plenty of class.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Hollywood Extra Committee; "Stoney's Brides".



ROW 1

MARGARET E. KINTZ

"Peg"

"Peg" is sure to be a success,
In everything, is our guess.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 2, 3, 4; Y-Teens; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 2; Chorus 1; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; D.A.R. Contestant; Pepsi-Cola Contestant; Rendezvous Committee.

BARBARA LOUISE KREISCHER

"Babs"

Here's a girl at worthwhile sort,
You'll have to admit she's a good sport.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2; Hollywood Extra Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; "Stoney's Brides".

DONALD E. KREISCHER

"Don"

As a mechanic he's mighty fine
This kind of work is up his line.

Football 1, 2; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A.; Trades and Industries.

ROGER PAUL KREISCHER

"Roger"

Roger's our manager and one of the best
He's got plenty of pep and zest.

Hi-Y; "V" Club"; Lyre Club; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Class Officer, Treasurer, 3, 4; Juniar Class Play Committee; Basketball Manager 3, 4; Baseball Manager 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1; "The Great Big Doorstep".

ROW 2

JACK RICHARD LANGDON

"Dick"

He's a friend we all know
To the class he's one good Joe.

Hi-Y; Chorus 1; Junior Class Play Committee; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; Boys' Intramurals 2, 3, 4; "The Great Big Doorstep"; Hollywood Extra Committee; Speech Play Committee.

CAROLYN ANN LEHMAN

"Carol"

Carol's our president of G.A.A.
And as an athlete, she's OK.

G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Scorlet Quill.

CHARLES WILLIAM LININGER

"Gads"

A friend to all is this kind lad
He's always happy, never sad.

Football 2, 3; Student Council 1, 4; Chorus 1.

Football 2, 3; Hi-Y; Chorus 1; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Speech Play Committee; Hallywood Extra Committee.

MARILYN LOU LOETZ

"Mimi"

Here is "Mimi" who sets the style,
And besides, she's cheerful all
the while.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; Junior Class Play Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Scarlet Quill; "Pink for Proposals"; "Great Big Doorstep".

ROW 3

DAVID McCOLLUM

"Dave"

This fellow can really tell a pun
With him we all have lots of fun.

Football 2, 3 Student Council 1, 4 Chorus 1 Trades and Industry.

PAUL EUGENE MARTZ

"Gene"

Here's a fella from the T & I
He'll go places by and by.
Trades and Industries.

VIRGINIA ROSALIE MAVIS

As a student she's one of the best
With whom our school has ever
been blessed.

Y-Teens; National Honor Society 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Motto, Flower and Color Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Dance Orchestra 4; D.A.R. Contestant; Scarlet Quill; Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Contestant; F.T.A.

EDWARD J. MAXSON

"ED"

Known to all for his sense of humor,
On jokes he is a connoisseur.

Basketball 2; Baseball 1, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Trades and Industries.

DONNA J. CONLEY

Donna helps "Katty" with all his work
From this task she'll never shirk.

Y-Teens

ROW 1

GLORIA JEAN MENGERINK
In the office she is slick,
She makes the typewriter really click.
Y-Teens; Girls' Intramurals 2.

DAVID MILLER
"Dave"
Quiet, shy, yet a friendly lad,
He's never blue but always glad.
Trades and Industries.

JOHN ROBERT MOORE
"Monk"
This young fellow is sure to be
The best mechanic you ever did see.
Trades and Industries.

CHARLES G. MYERS
"Chas"
Charlie is an all right chap,
You'll never catch him taking a nap.
Trades and Industries.

WILLIAM CLIFT HALLER
"Bill"
Full of fun to the brim,
V.W.H.S. will sure hate to lose him.
Trades and Industry

JESSIE ELIZABETH MILLER
"Jess"
Always willing to lend a hand
She has friends at her command.
G.A.A.; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3.

ROW 2

PHYLLIS JUNE OECHSLE
"Phyl"
A sweet disposition has this gal,
To one and all she's a real pal.

COLLEEN MARIE OSWALT
"Ozzie"
"Ozzie's got looks and personality plus,
She's a friend to all of us.

Scarlet Quill; G.A.A.; G.A.A. Cabinet 3, 4; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; Student Council 2; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian.

BETTY JEAN OWENS
"Shorty"
Small and fun, and full of pep
Is this Senior girl, we all our hep.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Lyre Club; Chorus 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Hollywood Extra Committee; Dance Orchestra 4; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Class Play Committee; "The Great Big Doorstep".

JACQUELINE OWENS
"Jackie"
Plenty of class and big brown eyes
Here's a gal who's also figure wise.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Excalibur Staff; Chorus 1; Prom Committee; Rendezvous Committee 2, 3; Hollywood Extra Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3; Invitations Committee; Scarlet Quill; Speech Play Committee.

ROW 3

DOROTHY MAE PACE
"Dottie"
She's learning to sew in a professional way
This Senior girl named Dorothy Mae.
Girls' Intramurals 2, 3.

HANNAH JEAN PAULLUS
Hannah is known to one and all
Her friends are many, her enemies small.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2.

DAVID EUGENE PERRY
"Dave"
Dave, his name, is chief of staff
You can count on him to do his hall.

Football 3, 4; Hi-Y; National Honor Society 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; "V" Club; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee; Class Motto, Flower and Color Committee; Boys' Intramurals 2, 4; Boy Rotarian; Scarlet Quill; Pepsi Cola Scholarship Contestant.

MARION PHILLIPS
A football star is this young lad
And at making friends he's not bad.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y; "V" Club; Student Council 3, 4; Class Motto, Flower and Color Committee.

ROW 1

MARILYN ROSE POLING

She's not what you would call a grind
But she does have an excellent mind.

Y-Teens; National Honor Society 3, 4; Lyre Club; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra" Girls' Intramurals 1, 2; "The Great Big Doorstep"; Speech Play Committee; Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Contestant.

GORDON RAY PRILL

A successful farmer someday he will be,
With plenty of pep and energy.

Basketball 2; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A.; Trades and Industries.

JANICE RAGAN

"Jamie"

Here's a gal we will endorse,
Next to writing comes her horse.

"The Whole Town's Talking"; Hollywood Extra Committee; Speech Play Committee.

M. JOAN RUNNION

"Jo"

Friendly toward all with manners sweet
She's a girl you would all like to meet.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Chorus 1; Hollywood Extra Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; "Pink for Proposals".

ROW 2

FERNETTA MAE SACKINGER

"Bugs"

"Fernie" is new to our school this year
But she's brought us lots of cheer.

Y-Teens; Chorus 4; "Hollywood Extra".

JOAN ESTHER SCHAEPER

"Jo"

At office work she is tops
At this kind of thing, she never stops.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

WILLIAM EARL SEAVY

"Bill"

Happy-go-lucky all through the day
He's bound to get by,
if he stays this way.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y; "V" Club; Student Council 1, 4; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Chorus 1; Prom Committee; Class Motto, Flower and Color Committee; Class Officer, Treasurer 3; Basketball 1; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A.; Boy Rotarian; "Stoney's Brides".

RUTH ELIZABETH SHAW

"Bonehead"

By her picture you can see
She's just as nice as she can be.

G.A.A.; Chorus 1, 2; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROW 3

PATRICIA LOUISE SHEIBLEY

"Pat"

You can count on her to be a friend
She's sure to be a good one until
the end.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Junior Class Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1; F.H.A.; Student Librarian.

BYRON WAYNE SHOWALTER

Here is a boy known by all
He made his name in football

Football 1, 2, 3; "V" Club; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Hollywood Extra Committee; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A.; Speech Plays Committee.

DONN SHRIVER

"Snookums"

Donn is a fellow who needs no reminder
Among many you will find none kinder.

Chorus 1, 2; Boys' Intramurals 2, 4.

BONNIE SMITH

Quiet, but not too shy is she
Perhaps in the future somebody
great she'll be.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Lyre Club; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 4; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROW 1

WALTER BASHORE

"Walt"

Walter's voice is very deep,
Here's one you'll never catch asleep.

Chorus 1, 2; Orchestra 1; Trades and Industries.

REGINALD PARRY JAMES II

"Reggie"

Tall and lanky is this lad,
In intramurals, he's not bad.

Hi-Y; Excalibur Staff; Chorus 4; Prom Committee; "Hollywood Extra"; Scarlet Quill.

BETTY LOU MILLER

"Betts"

An impish grin and a winning way,
She'll rate our vote any day.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Y-Teens Cabinet 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; Class Officer, Secretary 1; Hollywood Extra Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Scarlet Quill; "The Great Big Doorstep"; Speech Play Committee.

GLEN R. JENKINS

"Jenks"

At shooting pictures he is tops,
And that is one thing at which he never stops.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Excalibur Staff; "V" Club; Student Council 3; Chorus 1; Band (Honorary Member); Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Senior Class Play Committee; Basketball 1; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Rotarian; Scarlet Quill; Boys' State; Student Director of Visual Education.

WAYNE HOWARD SIDLE

When girls are around he's very shy
But he'll get over it by and by.

National Honor Society 4.

ROW 2

DON ROGER COBB

"Rog"

Roger's really neat
He's one that can't be beat.

"Betty Lou"; Hi-Y; "V" Club; Student Council 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Rendezvous Committee 3, 4; "Pink for Proposals"; Class Officer, President 3; "Hollywood Extra"; Junior Class Play Committee; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Rotarian.

FRANCES C. TUTTLE

"Tutt"

Quick wit, poise, charming manners
are combined
To make her the nicest girl we can find.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Y-Teen Cabinet 4; Excalibur Staff; Prom Committee; Junior Class Play Committee; Girls' Intramurals 1; "In The Tunnel"; "The Great Big Doorstep"; Scarlet Quill.

ROBERT D. SEVERN

"Barney"

He's planning to be a pharmacist
some day
He's already well on his way.

Hi-Y; Chorus 1, 2; Prom Committee.

FRANCIS W. PURMORT

"Bill"

Of this lad we can't think ill.
He is one to fill the bill.

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y; "V" Club; Student Council 2; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Prom Committee; Basketball 2, 3; Baseball 3; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; "Pink for Proposals".

ROW 3

ROBERT BRUCE LAING

"Screech"

He was a cheerleader hard to beat
And with the gals he's really allreet.

Football 1, 4; Hi-Y; "V" Club; Student Council 2; "The Whole Town's Talking"; Cheerleader 2, 3; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Class Motto, Flower, and Color Committee; Class Officer, Vice-president, 1, 2; Junior Class Play Committee; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Invitation Committee.

MARILYN ELOISE BAXTER

"Peanut"

A maiden gentle and sweet
She always thinks while others speak.

G.A.A.; Y-Teens; National Honor Society 4; Excalibur Staff; Scarlet Quill.

DAVID L. ZEIGLER

"Dave"

Someday an orator he will be
And as friendly a fellow you
ever did see.

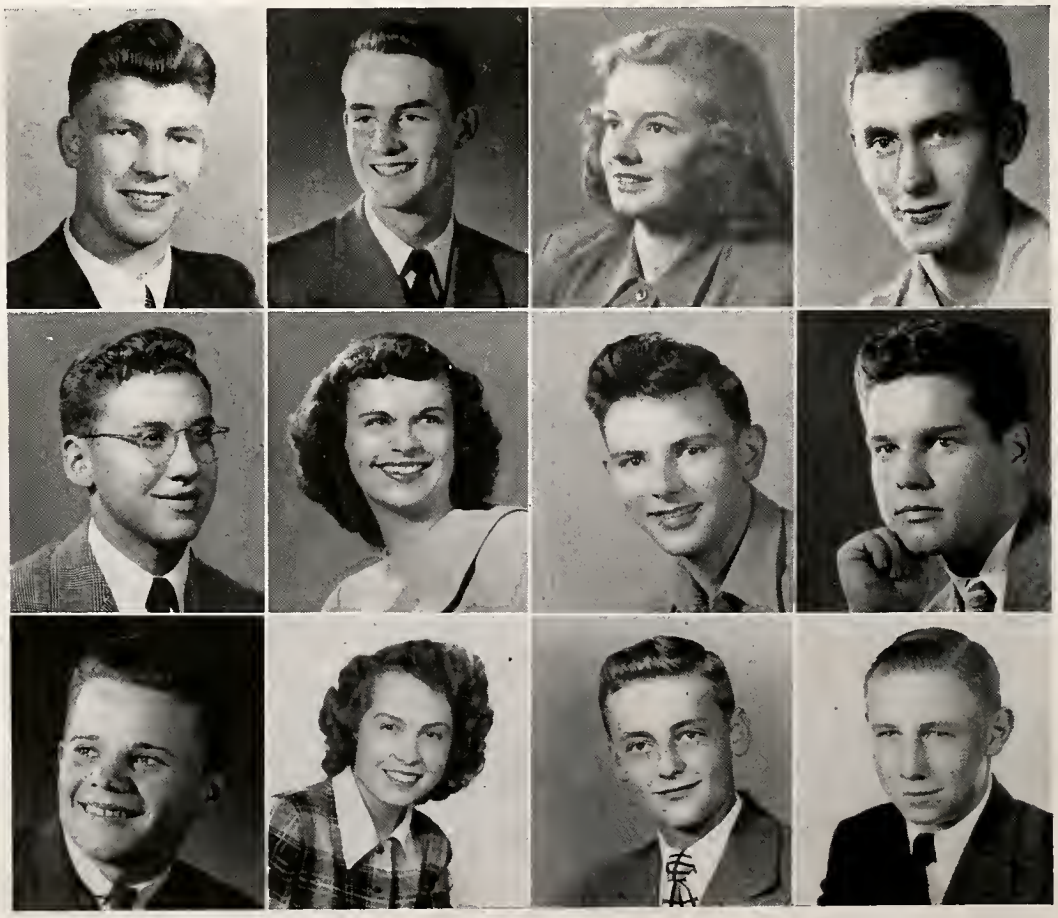
Football 1; Hi-Y; Hi-Y Cabinet 4; National Honor Society 4; Student Council 1, 2; "The Whole Town's Talking" Prom Committee; Class Officer, President 1, 2; "Hollywood Extra"; Basketball 1, 2; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Rendezvous Committee 1, 2; "The Great Big Doorstep"; "In The Tunnel"; Boy Rotarian.

ROBERT LEE BECKER

"Bob"

A basketball player, we have here
It's a blow to the team to
lose him this year.

Football 1; Hi-Y; "V" Club; Prom Committee; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2; Invitation Committee.



ROW 1

GWENDOLYN SNYDER
"Pen Gwen"
A happy girl of right good will
Her dancing feet are never still.
G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Lyre Club; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Cabinet; Dance Orchestra 4; Girls' Intramurals 1, 2.

MAX SPRINGER
"Sprinkle"
Here's a fella who likes the farm
And with the girls he has a charm.
Lyre Club; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Orchestra 4.

MARTHA STOOPS
Martha's a girl you'll not by pass
She's a leader in our class.
G.A.A.; Y-Teens; Student Council 1, 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4; Prom Committee; "Hollywood Extra"; Girls' Intramurals 1, 3; Betty Lou Committee.

DON GENE THOMAS
"Alf"
Don is a star, that is true
His smile is known to all of you.
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y; Hi-Y 4; "V" Club; Student Council 1, 3, 4; Boy Rotarian; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Class Officer, President 4; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2; Trades and Industries; Chorus 1, 3, 4.

ROW 2

PATRICIA LOUISE THOMAS
"Pat"
There never was a truer friend
A better sport we all contend.
Y-Teens.

SAMUEL B. TINDALL
"Sam"
In basketball and football
Sam won his fame
Ask, anyone, they will tell you
the same.
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; "V" Club; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Intramurals 3, 4.

KENNETH VAN DOREN
"Skip"
Kenny's a guy who's full of the old nick
He's always up to some little trick.
Football 1, 2; Boys' Intramurals 1; Trades and Industries.

ROGER DON VETTER
"Clem"
Another football star to add to our list
As our left end, Clem never missed.
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; "V" Club; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A.

ROW 3

BENJAMIN ALLEN WAITMAN
"Ben"
With an answer always ready
He's a scholar, true and steady.
Hi-Y; Hi-Y Cabinet 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Lyre Club; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Cabinet; Prom Committee; Ring and Pin Committee; Class Officer, Treasurer 1; "Hollywood Extra"; Dance Orchestra 1; Basketball 1; Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Rotarian; "Betty Lou"; "The Great Big Doorstep"; Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Contestant.

BERNARD E. WALTZ
Bernard is a farmer and that's all right,
I'll bet he's the object
of some girl's delight.
F.F.A. Boys' Intramurals 1, 2, 3, 4; Hollywood Extra Committee; Speech Play Committee.

WALTER HAROLD WELKER
Never a sound from this shy lad
He ought to make some girl's heart glad.
Band 1, 2.

DOROTHY NELL WILDER
"Dot"
Dorothy really likes to sing
And that to her means everything.
Y-Teens; Chorus 1, 2, 3; "Betty Lou"; "Hollywood Extra".

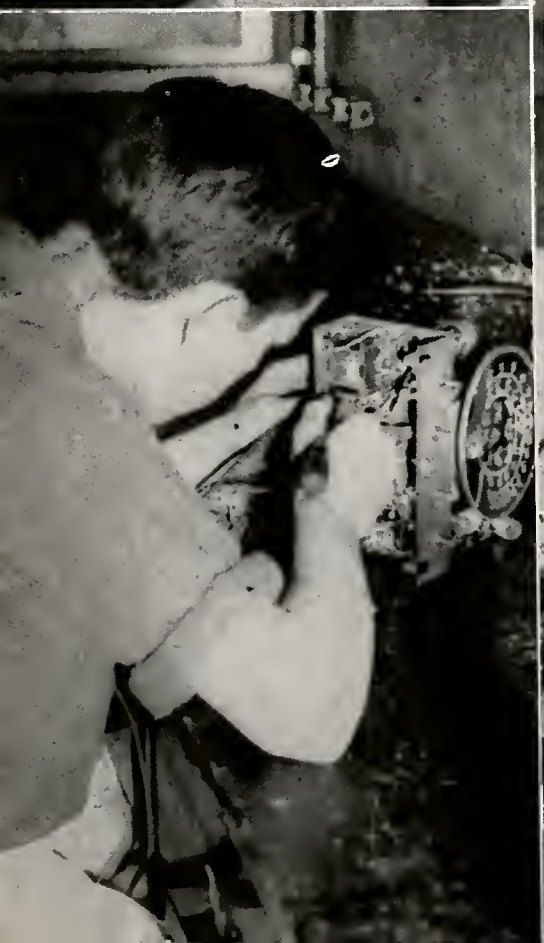
ROBERT O. WOLLET
"Flop"
Not only in looks does he excel
But in other things just as well.
Hi-Y; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Band 4; "Hollywood Extra"; Prom Committee; Dance Orchestra 4; Baseball 1; Speech Play Committee; Hollywood Extra Committee; "Betty Lou".

JOSEPHINE ANN HARTMAN
"Josie"
She's quiet in class and in the hall,
But just the same she's a friend to all.
F.H.A.

Hubba! Hubba!!

Hard at Work

Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae
Watch the Birdie
Classy Chicks



Kear Scarpella Brockert Barrientos

Junior Class

OFFICERS

President .....Jim Scarpella

Vice-President .....Bill Kear

Secretary .....Delores Brockert

Treasurer .....Jr. Barrientos

CLASS HISTORY

One hundred and eighty-four of us entered high school in September, 1945. We were very frightened and the upper classmen took every advantage possible. They were a cruel lot. We soon learned not to ask for their help or advice for it was always wrong. For future freshmen we would like to warn that Room 210 is not in the basement. At parties we were treated rather shabbily, too—especially when it came to food. Usually there wasn't much left when we got a chance to eat.

We soon organized and elected the following class officers: Howard Henney, president; Jim Scarpella, vice president; Gerry Laing, secretary; and Juanita Thatcher, treasurer. We were well represented in all school sports, clubs, and organizations.

Finally we became sophomores. This, to us, seemed quite an accomplishment. We elected Nolan Hudson, president; Bill Kear, vice president; Gerry Laing, secretary; and Marilyn Kinsey, treasurer.

Now we are juniors and very proud of it. Our class has dwindled to a mere 123. Our class officers are: Jim Scarpella, president; Bill Kear, vice president; Junior Barrientos, secretary; and Delores Brockert, treasurer.

Those who belong to the Student Council are: Jim Scarpella, Jo Graber, Nolan Hudson, Jean Becker, Dick Edwards, Paul Rhodes, and Beverly Speith. We have been very active in the Hi-Y, G.A.A., and Y-Teens.

Of course we have some who are wiser than others. They made the National Honor Society. They are: Wanda Johns, Melva Doxtater, Gloria Carlo, Mary Ann Hennerman, and Juanita Thatcher.

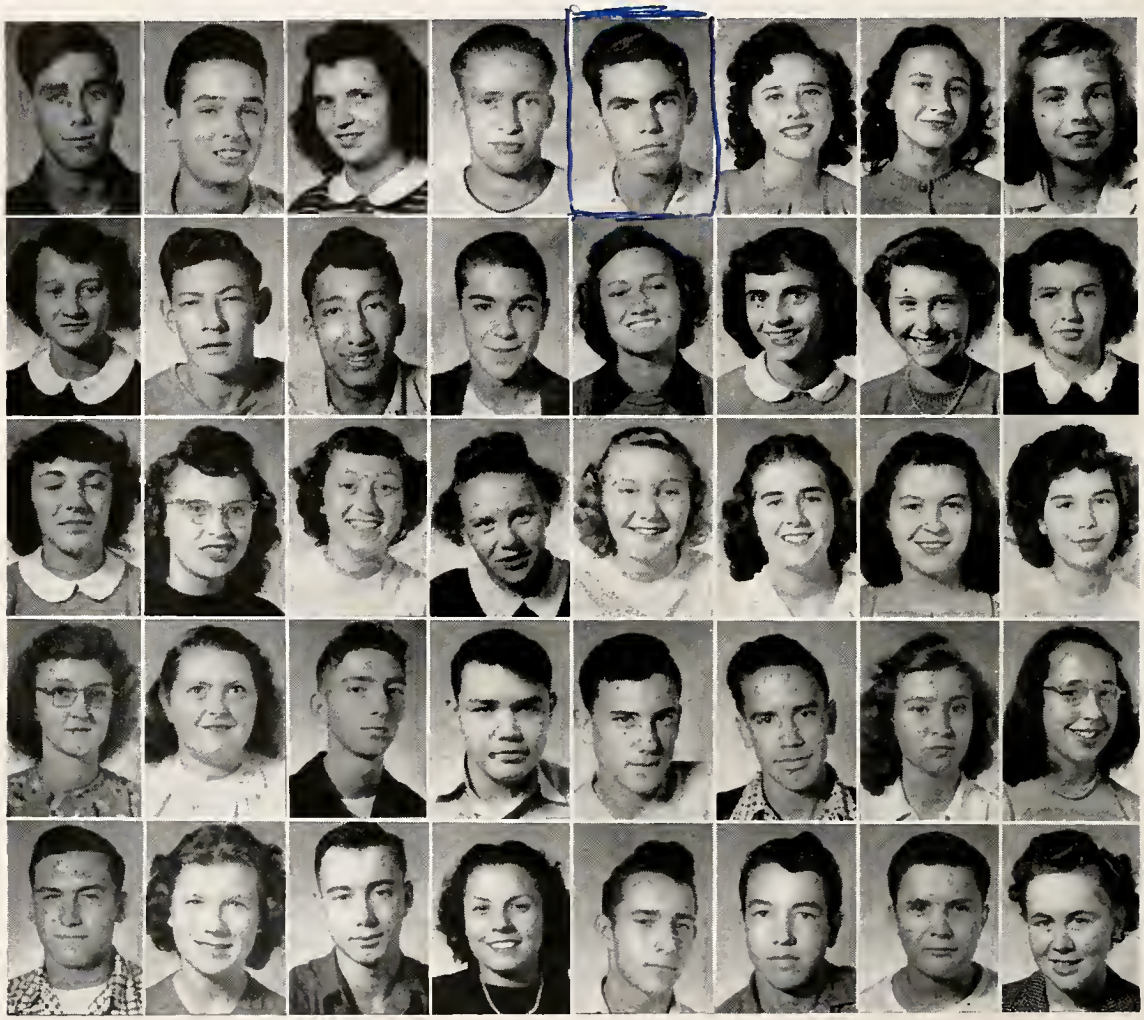
Our football squad was made up of big husky fellows. They were: Clarence Agler, Junior Barrientos, Dick Edwards, Byron Foreman, John Gunsett, Donald Johns, Bill Kear, Bob Marks, Gene Mathews, Darrell Phillips, Jim Scarpella, and Wayne Baxter, manager.

We also have six very good basketball players, who are: Junior Barrientos, Bob Kampf, Bill Kear, Bob Marks, Jim Scarpella, and Bill Stripe.

Last but not least are our V-Club members, who have worked hard to earn their V's. We are very proud of them. Some of them are: Clarence Agler, Junior Barrientos, Dick Edwards, John Gunsett, Gene Mathews, Jim Scarpella, Darrell Phillips, and Bill Stripe.

The great ambition of the juniors seems to be to graduate. We sadly realize that three fourths of our high school life is over, and yet we look eagerly toward our senior year, when we expect many events of importance to occur.

Gretchen Behymer.



ROW I
CLARENCE AGLER
DAVID ALSPACH
BARBARA ANDERSON
KENNETH ANDERSON
DICK ANDRUS
JOAN ARNOLD
THELMA BAER
HELEN BALYEAT

ROW 2
WANETA BECK
MARION BAKER
JR. BARRIENTOS
WAYNE BAXTER
JEAN BECKER
GRETCHEN BEHYMER
CAROL BELL
BEVERLY BLUE

ROW 3
DELORES BROCKERT
CAROLINE BROWN
DONNA BUERKLEY
ALICE CAMPBELL
WINIFRED CAMPBELL
GLORIA CARLO
PAT COLE
DONNA CONLEY

ROW 4
GLADENE COPELAND
MARCIA CROW
DALE DAVIES
PAUL DAVIES
HARVEY DeBOLT
BOB DeWITT
MARILYN DONER
MELVA DOXTATER

ROW 5
DICK EDWARDS
MARTHA EMANS
ARTIE FINEGAN
RUTH FINKHOUSEN
BYRON FOREMAN
MERLE FOX
BOB FOX
LUCILLE FRIEMOTH

ROW 1
MARY GALLASPIE
SHIRLEY GOODWIN
JOAN GRABER
JOHN GUNSETT
WALTER HALLIWILL
SHIRLEY HARTING
PHYLLIS HARMON
NANCY HARRIS

ROW 2
GENE HARTMIER
CARL HATTERY
MARY HENNERMAN
HOWARD HENNEY
DALE HOFFMAN
ELSIE HOFMANN
BARBARA HOPKINS
BARBARA HOUTS

ROW 3
NOLAN HUDSON
R. B. HUMPHREYS
GEORGE JENKINS
JACK JEROME
DON JOHNS
WANDA JOHNS
BOB KAMPF
BILL KEAR

ROW 4
MARILYN KINSEY
BILL KNITTLE
NAOMI KNITTLE
BYRON KRUGH
RUSSELL KRUSE
BARBARA LADD
TOM LADD
GERRY LAING

ROW 5
NANCY LEA
JOHN LINSER
BOB MARKS
GENE MATTHEWS
RETA MAULLER
SUSAN MERICLE
JEAN McLAUGHLIN
JOAN McNAMARA

ROW 1
JESSIE MILLER
JAMES MOUNTS
ANN PETTIJOHN
DARRELL PHILLIPS
JEANETTE RALSTON
MARVEL RALSTON
PAUL RHODES
JIM SCARPELLA

ROW 2
JEANNETTE SCHAEPER
PEGGY SCHAFER
LOWELL SHAW
JOE SHELDON
VIVIAN SHOWALTER
JENNY SHRIVER
LEONARD SHUPE
BEVERLY SPIETH

ROW 3
KENNETH STAHL
FRANK STEPHENSON
BILL STRIPE
JACK STUCKEY
LOIS TERRY
JUANITA THATCHER
MARGIE THATCHER
MILDRED THOMPSON

ROW 4
CHARLES TOMLINSON
CHARLES TRUAX
JULIAN UNTERBRINK
RALPH VASKE
DENNIS WALTERS
JOHN WAYMIRE
ROGER WHITCRAFT
MARY ANN WHITE

ROW 5
DALE WILSON
ERVIN YOUNG
JOHN YOUNG
ROBERT YOUNG
TREVA YOUNG
TINY YOUTSEY

Palmer Stabler Sells Jerome

Sophomore Class

OFFICERS

President .....Duane Jerome

Vice-President .....Arlene Palmer

Secretary .....Donna Sells

Treasurer .....Lou Stabler

CLASS HISTORY

In the year Nineteen Hundred and Forty Six, 145 Freshmen, alias "Greenies", entered the doors of Van Wert High School. We wondered about the halls until we finally found our home room. There Mr. Livingston and Mr. Bowen awaited us with outstretched arms. After we had settled down and our hearts had settled back to their former positions, we got around to electing class officers. The outcome was as follows: Frank Hall, President; Clete Conley, Vice President; Mary Todd, Secretary; and Marie Lesher, Treasurer.

The Freshmen who contributed to the football team were: Clete Conley, Jack Kintz, Paul Sheibley, Roger Siders, Roger Stuckey, Bob Stemen, Frank Hoffman, Brock Swisher, Pete Ray, and Bill Fellers. The Freshmen who made the basketball team were: Bob Tucker, Roger Stuckey, Jack Kintz, Dale Wissner, Roger Siders, Richard Welker, Paul Sheibley, Bob Stemen, and Brock Swisher. This team won a trophy for being in the finals. There were many capable representatives from the Freshmen class in the chorus, band, dance band, G.A.A. and Y-Teens.

After one full year of experience we are now Sophomores and once again take up the task of electing class officers. We elected as follows: Duane Jerome, President; Arlene Palmer, Vice President; Donna Sells, Secretary; Betty "Lou" Stabler, Treasurer.

The boys who went out for football were: Roger Stuckey, Bob Stemen, Bob Tucker, Pete Ray, Paul Sheibley, Jack Kintz, Frank Hoffman, Bill Fellers, Jerry James, and Frank Hall. The boys who made the basketball team were: Bob Tucker, Roger Stuckey, Paul Sheibley, Duane Jerome, and Jack Kintz. One Sophomore boy, Marvin Brubaker, was chosen as one of the cheerleaders.

Again this year there were many Sophomore students who participated in the various school activities.

And now as we come to the end of our second year as high school students, and will soon become Juniors, we can only say that we hope the remainder of our education at Van Wert High will be as happy and as profitable as the first two have been.

Dana Anderson

ROW 1

MARY LOU AGLER
DANA ANDERSON
JACK ANSPACH
HELEN BAER
RICHARD BAGLEY
MADGE BAILEY
REGINA BARRY
FRANCES BAYLES

ROW 2

HUGH BEBOUT
BERNICE BECK
KATHRYN BECKER
GEORGE BILLIEU
CHARLES BLANKE
MARGARET BLOCK
CONNIE BRICKER
BARBARA BROCKERT

ROW 3

CHARLES BROWN
MARVIN BRUBAKER
ESTHER BYERS
BILL CHIVINGTON
JOHN COLE
BEATRICE COLLINS
JANETTE COOPER
CLETE CONLEY

ROW 4

WALTER CONLEY
VIOLA COTTERMAN
JUANITA CRAIG
SHARON CRYER
PHILIP CULLY
IMOGENE DONER
CAROLYN DRURY
KENNETH EDWARDS

ROW 5

RONALD EDWARDS
MARY JANE ELLERBROCK
MARGURITE ETZLER
DON EVANS
JIM FAWCETT
BILL FELLERS
BARBARA FRIEDLY
TED GARMYN

ROW 1

DORIS GEISMAN
JOE GIESSLER
PAT GORMAN
FRANK HALL
SUZANNE HEATH
MARCIA HICKMAN
DAVID HILLER
FRANK HOFFMAN

ROW 2

DAVID HUDSON
JERRY JAMES
DUANE JEROME
PAUL JOHNSON
JACK KELLER
JACK KINTZ
BILL KNOLL
ANNA KNOWLTON

ROW 3

BILL KREIDER
MARCILE KREISCHER
PAT KUCKIEN
BILL LAMB
EDNA LAMB
JANET LAYTON
PAUL McCONAHAY
DOYLE McCOY

ROW 4

JOAN MANLEY
BOB MASON
MARILYN MAYER
MADELINE MIHM
DONNA MOSIER
JANICE NEWBERRY
ARLENE PALMER
BILL PAULUS

ROW 5

GORDON PRICHARD
ROGER RALSTON
PETE RAY
RICHARD RILEY
ROLLAND RUNYON
CARL SAAM
VIRGINIA SCOTT
DONNA SELLS

ROW I

MARCIA SEVERNS
CLEO SHAW
PAUL SHEIBLEY
RUTH SHERBURN
ROGER SIDERS
JOAN SITES
PAT SKELLEY
BARBARA SMITH

ROW 2

SYDNEY SMITH
JULIA SPIEKER
LOU STABLER
NORMA STEGAMAN
BARBARA STEMEN
ROBERT STEMEN
DORIS STRIPE
ROGER STUCKEY

ROW 3

PHYLLIS TAYLOR
IMOGENE THOMAS
MARY TODD
JANE TOMLINSON
SUE TRUAX
BOB TUCKER
BILL WABLE
MADGE WALDRON

ROW 4

CORLISS WELKER
RICHARD WELKER
JOHN WELLS
MARY WIEDEMAN
MAXINE WILDER
REA WILLIAMSON
MARIE WINTERS
TOM WISE

ROW 5

DALE WISENER
PHIL WOLFORD
CAROL WORTMAN
JOYCE WOTEN
GLORIA YOUNG
MARTHA ZINN

Agler - Burgoon - Kinsey - Buerkley

Freshman Class

OFFICERS

President .....Stanley Agler

Vice-President .....Jim Buerkley

Secretary .....Pat Kinsey

Treasurer .....Olga Burgoon

CLASS HISTORY

One bright September day in the fall of '47 there were one hundred and sixty of us shy "greenies" who trouped merrily through the doors of old Van Wert High. But we soon found ourselves completely bewildered by the maze of halls and doorways. Finally, however, we became accustomed to the ways of high schol and held an election of class officers. We elected Stanley Agler, president; Jim Buerkley, vice-president; Pat Kinsey, secretary; and Olga Burgoon, treasurer.

Freshmen elected to the student council were Betty Anderson, Jim Buerkley, Randall Giessler, and David Livingston.

Boys on the freshman football team were Stanley Agler, Donald Baer, Gene Bagley, Donald Bechtol, Bob Black, Lloyd Brinker, Jim Buerkley, Forest Crow, Roger Elston, James Grunden, Dick Hines, Ray Houts, Calvin Jacobs, Jim McCleary, Pat McLaughlin, Marion Parsons, Dick Prichard, Tony Scarpella, Jim Stabler, Eugene Sunderland, Ned Williman, and Duane Wolford. Bob Thomas and Tom Krick were on the high school team.

Our freshman class was represented on the basketball squad by Stanley Agler, Gene Bagley, Donald Bechtol, Bob Black, David Livingston, Dick Prichard, Jim Ralston, and Tony Scarpella.

It isn't often that a single freshman finds fame so early in his career, but our class is very proud of Bob Thomas who won the lightweight Golden Gloves Championship in Fort Wayne and went on to the Chicago meet.

Joyce Walters was our representative on the G.A.A. Cabinet.

This year the freshman girls had their own Y-Teen Club for the first time.

One of the social highlights of the year was the mixer sponsored by the freshmen and held in the high school gym.

But the months soon rolled away and the old school door closed on a freshman year full of success and fun. Now we are looking eagerly forward to the many more pleasant times we will spend in old Van Wert High.

Dave Livingston.

ROW I
JANET AGLER
STANLEY AGLER
CORDELLA ALLEN
JOHN ALSPACH
BETTY ANDERSON
DONALD BAER
DOROTHY BAER
PAUL BAER

ROW 2
EUGENE BAGLEY
MARY BAGLEY
BILL BALYEAT
DELORES BAUER
BARBARA BAXTER
JOAN BEBOUT
DON BECHTOL
JAMES BLACK

ROW 3
BOB BLACK
DICIA BOOK
RICHARD BRADFORD
LLOYD BRINKER
GEORGE BROOKS
JOHN BROWN
JAMES BUERKLEY
OLGA BURGOON

ROW 4
DONNA CASSELL
BERNARD CLARK
DONNA CLYMER
JAMES CRAMER
FOREST CROW
JACK CROW
LUCILLE CROWE
ROBERT DAVIES

ROW 5
JEAN DAVIS
JOAN DENIG
CLIFFORD DITTO
FRANCIS DIXON
ALICE DUNNO
JOANNE EDWARDS
ROBERT ELLERBROOK
ROGER ELSTON

ROW 6
DON FAIR
RICHARD FELGER
MOLLY FERGUSON
BARBARA FINKHOUSEN
DONALD FOX
DEAN FREE
DON FRIEMOTH
GORDON GARDNER

ROW 1
ROGER GEISMAN
RANDALL GIESSLER
RICHARD GLOSSETT
JOYCE GRIGGS
RUTH GRINDAHL
BERTHA GRUNDEN
JAMES GRUNDEN
GLORIA HALLIWILL

ROW 2
JERRY HALLIWILL
BARBARA HAMILTON
PAT HAMMON
BARBARA HARMAN
CHARLES HARTMAN
DAVID HERMINGHUYSEN
ROBERT HICKMAN
DICK HINES

ROW 3
JAMES HOUTS
ROY HOUTS
CALVIN JACOBS
JAMES JARVIS
KENNETH JENKINS
CAROLYN JOHNSON
ODETTA OHNSON
JEAN KEIPPER

ROW 4
PAT KINSEY
RICHARD KNITTLE
GERALD KREISCHER
HAROLD KREISCHER
ROBERT KREISCHER
NEDRA KRICK
TOM KRICK
JOANNE LAIPPLY

ROW 5
MARIE LESHER
DAVID LIVINGSTON
JAMES McCLEARY
PAT McCOLLUM
RICHARD McCONAHAY
ROBERT McGEE
JIM McKNIGHT
PAT McLAUGHLIN
BETTY MACE

ROW 6
CHARLOTTE MATTHEWS
RICHARD MATTHEWS
CARL MAXSON
DOROTHY MENGERINK
PAT MERCER
DEAN MILLER
DONALD MILLER
FRANK MILLER
GEORGE MILLER

ROW 1
JUANITA MILLER
PAT MILLER
GILBERT MIRACLE
DORIS MOHLER
WAYNE MOORE
HARVEY MYERS
JOHN MYERS
MARY OLBERDING

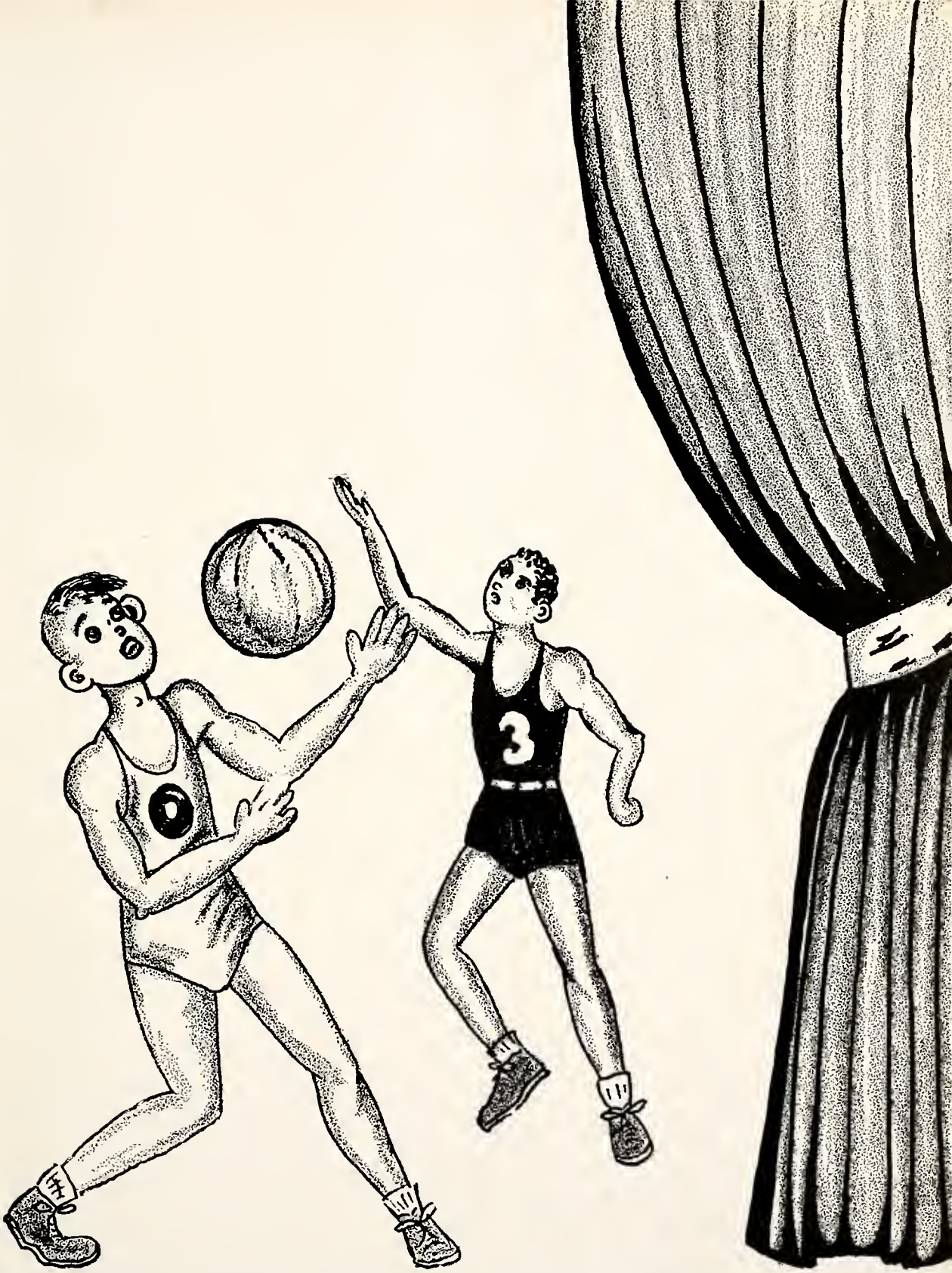
ROW 2
DON PARSONS
RAY PARSONS
JANE PENNELL
PAT PHILLIPS
ROGER POLING
PHILIP PRICE
PRINCESS PRICHARD
RICHARD PRICHARD

ROW 3
JANET RHODES
CRYSTAL ROBERTS
MARTHA RISON
JAMES ROLSTEN
TONY SCARPELLA
Paul Semer
GLEN SHARP
LOWELL SHERBURN

ROW 4
NANETT SHRECK
GENE SMITH
FRANK SMITH
JIM SPIETH
PAUL SPINDLER
JIM STABLER
CAROL STEVENS
WANDA STOLLER

ROW 5
EUGENE SUNDERLAND
RUBY THATCHER
BOB THOMAS
DON WADE
JANICE WAGONROD
GEORGE WALTERS
JOYCE WALTERS
ANN WEAVER
HAROLD WEBSTER

ROW 6
IRENE WELCH
CLARABELLE WILLIAMS
JANET WILLIAMS
NED WILLIMAN
DUANE WOLFORD
COLLEEN WORTMAN
Myron Youtsey
NANCY ZINSMEISTER
FRED WYANDT



ACT II — *In The Sports Arena*

Football 1947-48

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts.	Ops.	Pct.
Van Wert	4	2	0	90	25	.667
Wapakoneta	4	2	0	82	51	.667
Bellefontaine	4	2	0	70	47	.667
St. Marys	3	2	1	80	63	.583
Kenton	3	3	0	84	66	.500
Celina	2	3	1	27	45	.417
Bluffton	0	6	0	0	126	.000

Coach Mike Kish Coach Gil Smith

The Van Wert Cougars started out the year with a roar by defeating the Bryan Bears, 14-6. Trailing 6-0 at the half, the Cougars snapped out of it. Tindall led a 66-yard march to score, with Agler making the extra point. Agler then made another six standing up and received a pass from Thomas for the extra point.

The next Friday Van Wert did the same thing to Defiance with another 14-6 score. The first T D was made by Agler, running 14 yards without a hand laid on him. The second was a pass from Thomas to Agler, and Tindall made the extra point.

The game at Kenton was the first upset of the year for Van Wert. They lost 13-6 to Kenton. It seemed that even having their band along didn't help that night.

Scoring touchdowns in all but the final quarter, the Cougars rolled over the Bluffton Pirates 20-0. The Cougars rushed a total of 282 yards to a total of 44 for the Pirates. Don Thomas scored two TD's and Tindall one, with two placements. The Van Wert team was on their toes that night, breaking up formations, blocking, and catching Pirate backs for losses.

For their fourth victory out of five starts, Van Wert mopped up the Bellefontaine Club, 26-6. Thomas went one right tackle from the four for the first T D. In the second quarter, Fellers swept around left end to score. Both conversions were blocked. Scoring the next touchdown, Agler took off down the sideline for 48 yards. Kintz hit center for a point and the score was 19-0. After an 80 yard march, Seavy slipped around right from the four, and Kintz went around end from the four for the conversion.

The largest crowd of the year saw Coach Smith's entire team wallop the Wapakoneta Redskins. With a final score of 26-0, Coach Smith cleaned his entire substitute bench during the game. The touchdowns were made by Tindall, Agler, Thomas, and Marks. The last T D was made when Marks caught a wild ball deflected by a Cougar lineman, and galloped twenty yards all by himself. Tindall and Seavy made the extra points.

TOP ROW: Coach Smith, Marks, Stemen, Wells, Gunsett, Perry, Kintz, Johns, Vetter, Purmort, Matthews, Agler, Hoffman, Tindall, Coach Kish.

SECOND ROW: Baxter, manager; Scarpella, Edwards, M Phillips, Dougal, Thomas, Laing, D. Phillips, Barrientos, Jenkins.

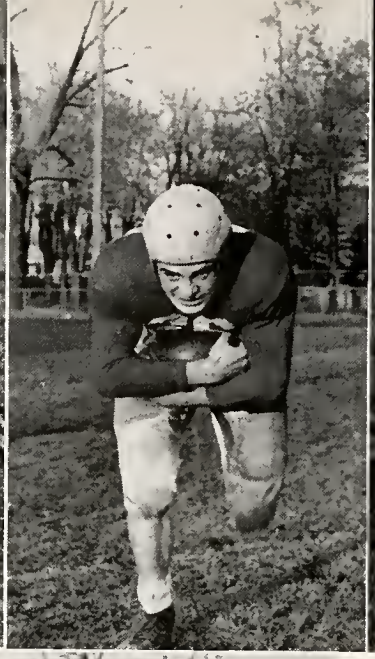
FIRST ROW: Tucker, James, Foreman, Hall, Ray, Sheibley, Seavy, Stuckey, Fellers.

After putting the game on "ice" the Cougars found themselves beaten in the last 28 seconds of the game by a long pass from Campbell to Evers. The score was 12-7 when the Dragons added their last seven to win, 14-12. A Van Wert fumble on the 45 yard line set up the pass which won for Lima. Agler slipped between left guard and tackle to score from the five for the first Van Wert T D. The Cougars took the lead when Thomas scored from the one foot line just before the third quarter ended. Both extra point attempts failed.

Van Wert lost the lead in the Western Buckeye League and the traveling trophy, both to St. Mary's, when they lost their chance to cinch at least a share of the championship. The ground gaining ability of the Cougars seemed to be completely lost. Blocking was almost forgotten and pass receiver muffed chances for long gains. With the second period just five minutes old, Widner plunged from the one foot line to score. His plunge for the point was stopped.

The Cougars returned to the home gridiron for their homecoming game. They whipped the Celina Bulldogs by a 12-0 score. Just when it looked as if it would be a scoreless tie at the half, Thomas intercepted a Bulldog pass on Celina's 30. Thomas heaved to Agler who went over untouched. Tindall's placement was blocked. Late in the third period Celina fumbled. The Cougars recovered and on the first play of the last quarter, Fellers circled right end to score. Krick's boot was low.

Managers were Wayne Baxter, Paul Johnson, and Marion Baker.



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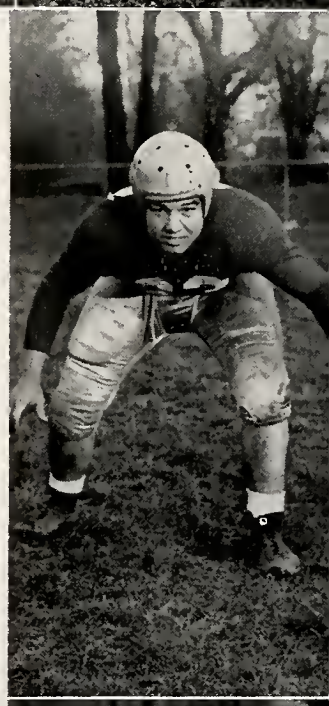

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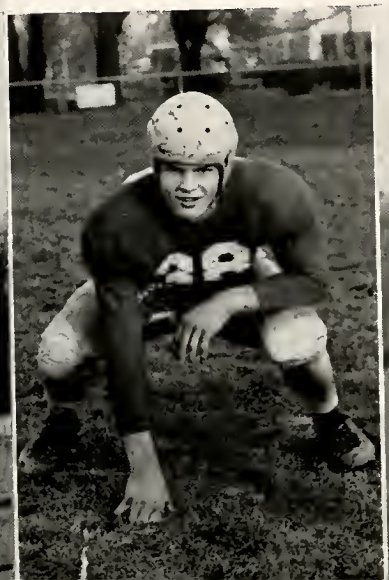


BASKETBALL 1948

VARSITY SQUAD

TOP ROW: Coach Kish, Tindall, Kampf, Stripe, Agler, Thomas, Kreischer, manager.
FIRST ROW: Barrientos, Marks, Kear, Becker, Scarpella, Jerome.

In the opening game of the season Greenville downed the Van Wert quintet, 45-28. The Cougars couldn't hit their stride. Becker and Agler slipped in eight and seven points.

The Paulding cagers took a lucky win over the Cougars in an overtime battle. The final tally was 35-34. Becker collected 14 points for Van Wert.

The Van Wert five made a clean break with Delphos Jefferson, winning 38-28. Barrientos and Tindall took scoring honors with nine and eight points, respectively.

Ada eked out a win over Van Wert in an overtime, 34-31. The score was 27-19 in the third quarter, when Ada came from behind to tie the score. Shupe netted twelve points for the Cougars.

The Cougars came through with a 24-23 win over Lima South. Becker spearheaded the attack against the Tigers with twelve points.

St. Marys sneaked another win from Van Wert, 38-37. The fast play in the final quarter really gave the fans their money's worth. Becker led the attack with twelve points.

The Cougar cagers clipped Celina's wings with a 40-31 win. Pouring on the coal, Bob Becker hit the net for twenty-one points.

The Van Wert Cougars won their second league game by defeating the Wapakoneta Redskins, 47-40. Becker took the honors with fourteen points.

The Defiance Bulldogs beat the Cougars 57-50. Bob Becker, in a burst of basket accuracy, rolled up twenty-three points for Van Wert. But the uncanny shooting of the Bulldogs won them the game.

Delphos St. John romped over the Cougars in a 62-28 rout. Shupe was high for the Cougars with eight points.

The Bluffton Pirates nipped the Cougars 38-32. A scoring spree in the last few minutes turned the tables on Van Wert. Tindall and Becker rolled up ten points each.

Unable to hit the basket, Van Wert lost the game to Kenton 42-30. Jerome cashed in nine points for honors.

Stripe sank a long shot with three seconds to go to nose out Bryan 43-42. With the lead changing twelve times, the storybook finish really packed a wallop. Becker and Stripe both racked up twelve points.

The Van Wert quintet lost to the Chieftains of Bellefontaine, 40-31. Stripe hit the basket for twelve points, but the team was definitely "off".

Playing the worst ball of the season, the Cougars lost a listless game to the Sydney Yellowjackets, 41-22. Stripe led with eight points.

Managers were Rog Kreischer and John Linser.

TOURNAMENT

For the second consecutive year we were eliminated in our first game of the tourney. Defiance beat off our attack 35-30. Although the game was close throughout, the Cougars never quite caught up with the Bulldogs, who took an early lead. Tindall and Agler shared scoring honors with ten and nine points respectively.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDING

	W	L	Pts.	Ops.	Pct.
St. Marys	6	0	300	281	1.000
Bluffton	4	2	269	241	.667
Bellefontaine	4	2	255	223	.667
Van Wert	2	4	218	228	.333
Kenton	2	4	280	251	.333
Wapakoneta	2	4	250	295	.333
Celina	1	5	194	289	.167

TOP ROW: Cach Smith, Black, Stuckey, Sheibley, Pritchard, Rolsten.
FIRST ROW: Bagley, Kintz, Paulus, Agler, Tucker, Jerome.

RESERVE SQUAD

Thomas
Kampf
Scarpolla
Stripe
Barrientos
Becker
Agler
Marks
Jerome
Kear
Tindall

BASEBALL 1948

Again this year Van Wert organized a baseball team. The familiar crack of bat against ball was heard again at the fourth ward diamond. Weather made it rough going for Coach Kish and the squad during the first part of the season. For this reason only one practice game was played before the opener against St. Marys. For the first time the Western Buckeye League had a baseball loop and the Cougars played four league games.

Coach Kish had five regulars back from last season, Don Thomas, Dan Jerome, Roger Cobb, Bill Stripe, and Bob Becker. Twenty-nine players reported for practice. The Van Wert roster was juggled several times during the season, but the starting lineup of the first game was: Bill Stripe, pitcher; Don Thomas, catcher; Bob Etzler, first base; Jim Rolsten, second base; Bob Becker, shortstop; Dan Jerome, third base; Byron Krugh, left field; Roger Cobb, center field; and Bill Lamb, right field. Other members of the squad were: Dale Davies, Bob Stemen, Rog Fraylick, Dale Dougal, Dale Hoffman, Duane Wolford, Bob Kampf, Gene Bagley, Jack Kintz, Ed Maxson, Bob Black, and Ray Houts.

On April 15th the Cougars journeyed to St. Marys. Behind the two-hit pitching of Davis, the Roughriders downed the Cougar "Batmen" by a 3-1 tally. Stripe pitched for Van Wert. On April 20th the Cougars lost to Convoy by a 9-6 margin. Lamb pitched. Some other games played were with Celina, St. Henry, Wapakoneta, and Kenton. Rog Kreischer was manager.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Under the instruction of the new physical education teacher, Mrs. Duprey, outstanding interest was displayed for all girls' sports. In the warm fall days, the weather was ideal for being outside in the balmy afternoons. Advantage was taken of this condition by playing socsport, basketball. Due to the popularity of this snd inside the girls went to play their favorite cer. Before long, ol' man winter came around aport, many teams participated in the intramurals. After winning over some stiff competition, the Senior Cougarettes emerged victorious, having won every game.

The All Star teams of each class were then chosen and again the seniors were undefeated.

Those on the undefeated senior team were: Rosemary Dilworth, Carol Lehman, Zela Buerkley, Bonnie Forman, Peggy Kintz, Joan Kiggins, Joan Runnion, Helen Furrell, Elizabeth Jones, and Carol Hisey.

The Junior All Star Team was composed of: Mildred Thompson, Jerry Laing, Joan Graber, Barbara Ladd, Phyllis Harmon, Donna Buerkley, Jean Becker, Caroline Brown, Beverly Blue, and Naomi Knittle.

Those chosen for the Sophomore team were: Mary Todd, Rea Williamson, Marie Lesher, Virginia Scott, Julia Speaker, Regina Berry, Margaret Block, Lou Stabler, Pat Skelly, and Connie Bricker.

Then, last but not least, the Freshmen team was composed of Delores Bauer, Dicia Book, Joan Edwards, Janet Agler, Joyce Walters, Barbara Baxter, Janet Rhodes, Joan Bebout, Olga Burgoon, and Ruby Thatcher.

Our next sport, volleyball, was one which was not quite so strenuous. Intramural vol leyball teams were also set up. Six teams participated in this sport.

When the warm weather once again returned in the spring, the girls went outside to play softball.

The girls found variation in the gym classes by playing ping pong, running relays, doing calisthenics, and practicing archery. The girls also learned the finer points of refereeing basketball in classes after school.

BOYS' SPORTS

Mr. George Fischer was in charge of intramural sports this year. In the basketball league, the F.F.A. and the Senior Sharks tied for first place, with the T & I, Aggies, Freshman Flashes, Sophomore Sharpies, and Senior Hi-Y trailing along behind. In the league play, the F.F.A. won a fierce struggle with the Senior Sharks for first place. The score was 27-20. The Senior Hi-Y wrested third place from the Sophomore Sharpies with a score of 23-19. The championship game for first and second place was played in the Lincoln Gym, and admission was charged.

In the league play, the first five highest individual scorers were: James, 62; Seavy, 42; Spindler, 39; Prill, 36; and Vetter, 34.

In the volleyball league, Mr. Fisher inaugurated a new system of choosing teams. All the eligible boy's names were placed on the blackboard and teams were chosen by the four team captains. The system seems to have worked very well.

A softball league was planned to finish the schedule.

YELL LEADERS

The cheerleaders for the year 1947-48 were elected the first week of school. Those elected were: Rosemary Dilworth, senior; Marvin Brubaker, sophomore; Jean Becker, junior; and Dick Baxter, senior. Rosemary received her varsity "V" in recognition of two years of service as cheerleader.

Not only did they back the team at home, but they also followed the team to the out of town games. Their energy and team spirit have been an inspiraion to our athletic teams.

New uniforms were selected for the yell leaders this year, and the girls' uniforms were ready in time to be worn during the basketball season. The boys' uniforms will be ready for next year.

We of the senior class sincerely hope that the fine school spirit which was shown this year will be continued in the years to come.

Three of a Kind

Cheesecake

This Used to be Serious

The Smile of Beauty

Where's Jane

Could it be Love

Tournament Champions

Alma Mater

Woman Trouble

Play Practice

Musicians Union

Hollywood Celebrity

Eary Arrivals

ACT III — *The Clubroom*

STUDENT COUNCIL

STUDENT COUNCIL

The four class presidents and the Student Council advisors met early in September to nominate student representatives from each class. The new members, elected by the members of their respective classes, chose as President, Bill Seavy; Vice-President, Nolan Hudson; and Secretary, Bernice Beck.

The membership is made up of the following ratio: eight Seniors, six Juniors, five Sophomores, and four Freshmen.

The objects of the organization are to promote greater school unity; to establish better cooperation between students and faculty; to create better school spirit; to improve student conduct; and to improve in any way the appearance of the school.

In order to fulfill these objects five squads were appointed. Social Squad—Martha Stoops, chairman. Assembly Squad—Don Thomas, chairman. Conduct Squad—Marion Phillips, chairman. Finance Squad—Joan Graber, chairman. Courtesy Squad—Bernice Beck, chairman.

This year the Council made arrangements for the mixers, conducted eighth grade Visitation Day, sent CARE boxes overseas and patroled the halls. Perhaps one of their most popular activities was the selling of candy bars in the lower hall.

The faculty advisors are Miss Armstrong and Mr. Gallapoo.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Emblems: The flaming torch and the keystone.

Colors: Blue and gold.

Motto: Noblesse oblige. (Nobility has obligations).

Pledge: I pledge myself to uphold the high purpose of this society to which I have been elected, striving in every way, by word and by deed, to make its ideals the ideals of my school and of my life.

Since the National Honor Society looks upon education not as a specialized ability but as a total product of various elements, the organization is founded upon the fundamental objectives of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

A National Honor Society chapter was granted to the Van Wert High School in 1930 and since then there have been three hundred and one members, with sixteen new members inducted into the society this year.

The very impressive induction ceremony was held in Lincoln Auditorium on March 5, 1948 and conducted by the six senior members who had been taken into the society in their junior year. These were: Betty Lou Miller, President; Ben Waitman, Vice-President; Rosalie Mavis, Secretary-Treasurer; David Perry, Marilyn Poling, and Rogers Fraylick. Our principal, Mr. Wiggins, delivered the address.

The new members are: Juniors: Melva Doxtater, Mary Ann Hennermann, Wanda Johns, Juanita Thatcher, and Gloria Carlo. Seniors are: Carol Hisey, Carolyn Lehman, Pat Imler, Peggy Kintz, David Zeigler, Joyce Johnson, Joan Kiggins, Wayne Sidle, Virginia Brokaw, Marilyn Baxter, and Mildred Beemer.

The '47 and '48 members and advisors of the society enjoyed a dinner party held March 30 at Whitehall Inn.

The advisors of the organization are Miss Hall and Miss Lown.

G. A. A.

The Girls' Athletic Association, under the direction of Mrs. Rufus Duprey, proved to be a very successful club during this school year. The club started its activities by hiking to the Marsh woods. The members had a chance to earn the twenty-five points necessary to join the organization.

A hilarious initiation ceremony was held in the gym followed by a potluck supper and induction. The new members were conducted into the gym by the cabinet in an impressive service.

The G.A.A. sponsored the programs for the basketball and football games. The girls entertained the basketball and football teams at two very successful potluck dinners.

A dance was held for all members and their escorts. The gym was decorated like a night club with tables around the edge of the dance floor. The school dance band furnished the music.

All members participated in some major sport to earn their letters. Intramural teams played speedball, basketball, volleyball, and softball. Many girls earned points by entering into minor sports such as ping pong, hiking, biking, skating, bowling, and horseback riding. The All-Star basketball games were quite a success. The Senior team won the championship trophy.

The Penny Lunch was held in the gym on February 18. About 250 students and teachers enjoyed the lunch and dancing afterward.

Ten seniors girls represented Van Wert G.A.A. at a Play Night held at the Celina High School on April 2. Many attended the Play Day at the Bowling Green State University.

A play day was held for all eight grade girls for the purpose of acquainting them with the organization. The G.A.A. closed the year with a dinner held at Whitehall Inn where the new cabinet members took their oaths.

The cabinet members for 1947-1948 were: President, Carolyn Lehman: Vice-President, Carol Hisey: Secretary, Jean Becker: Treasurer, Colleen Oswalt; Speedball manager, Mary Todd; Basketball Manager, Rosemary Dilworth; Assistant Basketball Manager, Zela Buerkley: Program Chairman, Peg Kintz; Assistant Program Chairman, Jane Bagley: Volleyball Manager, Bonnie Foremn: Softball Manager, Phyllis Harman; Historian, Marcia Hickman; Biking and Hiking Manager, Marie Lesher: Swimming and Skating Manager, Beverly Blue; Bowling Manager, Joyce Herring.

"V." CLUB

"To encourage high standards of sportsmanship and clean living" is the purpose of the V Club whose members have earned a "V" in basketball, baseball, or football. Cheerleaders and the managers of teams are also included in this honor organization. The "V's" awarded to students are under rules set up by the Athletic Board of Control.

The members meet monthly at the Y.M.C.A. with their advisor, Mr. Livingston.

This year, Don Thomas served as president; Dale Dougal, vice-president; and Dan Jerome, secretary-treasurer.

A social event included in the club's program was a hayride in October which members and their guests attended.

The members of the V Club are: Clarence Agler, Tom Agler, Junior Barrientos, Dick Baxter, Wayne Baxter, Bob Becker, Roger Cobb, Dale Dougal, Dick Edwards, Bill Fellers, John Gunsett, Frank Hoffman, Glen Jenkins, Dan Jerome, Jack Kintz, Roger Kreischer, Bob Laing, Gene Matthews, Dave Perry, Darrell Phillips, Bill Purmort, Jim Scarpella, Bill Seavy, Wayne Showalter, Bob Stemen, Bill Stripe, Don Thomas, Sam Tindall, Roger Vetter. The girl cheerleader in the club is Rosemary Dilworth.

SENIOR HI-Y CLUB

The Senior Hi-Y is a Christian organization sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. of Van Wert. The purpose of our senior Hi-Y club is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character. The Hi-Y Club this year was divided into two clubs, the Junior Hi-Y and the Senior Hi-Y. The club advisors are Mr. Rauch and Mr. Spieth. The Senior Hi-Y officers are Rogers Fraylick, President; Don Thomas, Vice-president; David Zeigler, Secretary-Treasurer.

In addition to selling soft drinks at football and basketball games, the Senior Hi-Y participated in many other activities. They gave a hayride, sponsored a Halloween party for grade school children, and decorated the gym for the Hi-Y mixer. The club also sent eligible members to the District Conference at Celina. The last event of the year was the Ladies' Night.

SENIOR Y-TEENS

The Y-Teen Club of Van Wert High School was started in September, 1946. Since its organization two years ago the club has had not only a varied but also an enjoyable social life. Following are a few of the many activities of 1947-48; a Christmas dessert for the Y-Teen members and their mothers; a chile supper for the Hi-Y; an Easter assembly with Rev. Driscoll as the speaker; a talk on "The Care of Your Body" by Dr. John Scheidt; a panel discussion with the Hi-Y on "Boy and Girl Relations"; a county Y-Teen dance at the YWCA.

The main event of the year was "Sadie Hawkins' Week". During this week the rules of dating were reversed and the girls took the boys out. Wednesday, March 10, was "movie night". An assembly was held in the Lincoln Auditorium on Friday, March 12. The girls participating in the program were dressed in the traditional "Dogpatch" fashion. They told of the origin of Sadie Hawkins Day and different phases in Sadie's life.

That night a mixer was held in the high school gymnasium. The gym took the form of a large barn. Bales of hay were used as chairs. In the center was a pig pen containing two live pigs.

Various contests were held throughout the evening.

The officers for 1947-48 were: President, Pat Benford; Vice President, Mary Anne Hennermann; Secretary, Mary Todd; Treasurer, Joan McNamara. The cabinet members were as follows: Program Chairman, Mary Ellen Bartlett; Music Chairman, Martha Ellen Conley; Pianist, Shirley Harting; Service Chairman, Carol Wortman; Devotional Chairman, Jeanne Ralston; Publicity, Ann Pettijohn and Frances Tuttle; Social Chairman, Betty Lou Miller; Advisor, Miss Elfreda Rusher.

JR. HI-Y

The Jr. Hi-Y was formed from the Hi-Y Club. Due to the large membership, the club divided and the new club took the name of Jr. Hi-Y. The club was started at the beginning of the school year by Mr. Rauch. It is a Christian organization and Mr. Rauch and Mr. Spieth are the advisors.

The officers of the club were: President, Wayne Baxter; Vice-President, John Gunsett; and Secretary and Treasurer, Dale Davies. The members must have grade average of C or better. Wayne Baxter represented the club by attending the Hi-Y Congress at Columbus.

Some of the activities of the club were a hayride, attending a Hi-Y meeting at Celina, and also tournaments in various games between the Juniors and Seniors.

The most interesting festivity which was looked forward to was the traditional Hi-Y Ladies Night which ended the activities for the club year.

Freshmen Y-Teens

This year, for the first time the freshman girls organized a separate club. The new organization has had a very active and successful year under the guidance of Mrs. Wise, the club advisor, and its officers; who are Joyce Walters, president; Ann Weaver, vice-president; Jane Pennell, secretary; Joan Bebout, treasurer; Mary Olberding, program chairman; Patty Kinsey, social chairman; Olga Burgoon, devotional chairman; Betty Anderson, publicity chairman; and Colleen Wortman, song leader. The girls had a variety of meetings throughout the year. These included several outside speakers, a potluck dinner, and discussions and playlets on such useful and informative subjects as manners and conduct. Besides these and many other independent activities, the freshmen co-operated with the senior club for the bake sale, Christmas dessert for the mothers, Sadie Hawkins Week and Dance, and the Easter assembly. They contributed five huge bundles to the clothing drive.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

As usual, the Van Wert-Marsh Chapter of the F.F.A. has completed another very successful year. A gold medal was won in parliamentary procedure and a silver chapter citation in the district.

The club gave $15 to both the Community Chest and the March of Dimes and $50 to the Abraham Lincoln Freedom Train.

Members who won Varsity "V's" were Clarence Agler, Bill Fellers, Gene Matthews, Bill Seavy, and Roger Vetter. Wayne Showalter, who won his letter last year, was unable to play because of a neck injury.

The F.F.A. basketball team again were the winners of the Intramural Basketball League, although it was a tie, and were tournament champions.

All the members have carefully selected and well planned an individual farming program consisting of production improvements and supplementary projects. Bernard Waltz received a rating of fourth in the county soybean contest.

Other activities conducted by the club were a mixer and an assembly for the high school. There were 33 members in the club this year. There are also 25 honorary members. Twenty three are State Farmers, and two are American Farmers.

The officers for the year were: Bill Seavy, president; Wayne Showalter, vice-president; Bernard Waltz, secretary; Roger Vetter, treasurer; Jim Mounts, reporter; and Clarence Agler, sentinel. John Leonard is the advisor and under his competent leadership the club has achieved an enviable record.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The Future Homemakers of America is the junior organization of the American Home Economics Association. Martha Davies is the president of the local club, and Miss Mary Sawyer is the advisor.

Four degrees are given in this organization. Junior Homemaker's degree is given locally and Chapter Homemaker's degree is given by the district. This year Martha Davies was one of the first to win the award of State Homemaker.

F.H.A. girls hold monthly program meetings and other outside activities. Some of their activities are mentioned below.

F.H.A. sponsored a concession at the football games.

They adopted a Home Economics Class in Frankfurt, Germany as a project for the year. Clothing, sewing and school supplies, food, and a subscription to a Home Economics magazine have been sent by the club.

F.F.A. and F.H.A. held a joint-meeting in October. In February F.F.A. boys were guests of the girls at a skating party. Another party was held at Christmas.

The local club awarded the Chapter degrees at the four county rallies in October and February and helped to install the officers of the state F.H.A. at the meeting in May at Ohio State University.

This club has received the highest honor given by the state to a club for its achievements, the "Award of Merit", for the past three years. Another honor they received was a rating of ninety-seven on their year book for 1947-48.

At the closing meeting in honor of the Senior F.H.A. members, the girls invited as guests their mothers and the members of the F.T.A.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

The Future Teachers of America was organized for the first time in Van Wert in December, 1947. The purpose of the F.T.A. is to interest pupils in teaching and to acquaint them with the aspects of teaching. The club believes that students who know these aspects will make better teachers than those who simply drift into the teaching profession by accident.

Throughout the year the club has had varied programs. Mr. Bennett, our superintendent, addressed the club at its first meeting. Students from Bowling Green University conducted a round table discussion on teaching in general. In April, a noon luncheon was held at the high school building.

In the absence of elementary grade teachers, club members were given the opportunity to teach and learn classroom procedure.

The club officers are:

Jay Hall* .....President
Juanita Thatcher .....Vice-President
Jane Pennell* .....Secretary
Donna Clymer .....Treasurer

The other members are: Olga Burgoon* Odetta Johnson, Betty Anderson, Colleen Wortman*, Donna Mosier, Philip Price, Marion Phillips*, Connie Bricker, and Rosalie Mavis.

Those names with stars are planning to teach in high school.

The club members have pins and have as their sponsor Mr. Gallapoo.

The following tribute was written to a Teacher and we feel that it can be used for a Future Teacher as well.

The Teacher is a prophet.
He lays the foundations of tomorrow.
The Teacher is an artist.
He works with the precious clay of unfolding personality.
The Teacher is a builder.
He works with the higher and finer values of civilization.
The Teacher is a friend.
His heart responds to the faith and devotion of his students.
The Teacher is a citizen.
He is selected and licensed for the improvement of society.
The Teacher is a pioneer.
He is always attempting the impossible and winning out.
The Teacher is a beliver.
He has abiding faith in the improvability of the race.

RENDEZVOUS COMMITTEE

The Rendezvous Committee is composed of high school students who function under the guidance of the YWCA. The committee is made up of two boys and two girls from each class. Thirty-six candidates are chosen and sixteen are elected by student voting. Officers of the Rendezvous Committee consist of co-chairmen and a secretary. The officers this year were Pat Benford and Roger Cobb, co-chairmen; Jeanne Ralston, secretary. Other members were Joan Kiggins, Dick Baxter, Joan Graber, R. B. Humphreys, Wayne Baxter, Donna Sells, Anita Brockert, Marvin Brubaker, Frank Hall, Patty Mercer, Ann Weaver, Jim McCleary, and Gene Sunderland.

The Rendezvous Committee plans dances held after all home football and basketball games. All the football and basketball players are honored at one of the dances. Other dances also planned by the Committee are the dance for oncoming freshmen, the annual New Year's "Holly Hop," and the annual formal Christmas "Snowball." The latter is the most important dance planned by the Rendezvous Committee. They are assisted in decorating by a committee chosen from the high school students.

The Committee also has several parties. The first this year was a hayride for all Committee members and their dates. The next was a party for all those who decorated for the Christmas "Snowball." This party was a scavenger hunt. The last party each year is for the old and new members. First, all took a swim in the YWCA pool and then went out to enjoy a picnic. This party was planned by the old members for the new members, who will be active next year.

Miss Marv Cook is advisor for the Rendezvous Committee in addition to her duties as Program Director of the YWCA. She has a keen interest in all young people and works especially hard at the student "Hangout," The Rendezvous Room at the YWCA.

EXCALIBUR STAFF

The most exciting day of the school year is the one on which the students receive their Excaliburs. The whole school year, its activities, thrills, and experiences, is all wrapped up in one fine volume. The goal of the Excalibur Staff is to make the year of 1947-1948 "live" for years to come in the hearts of the students. We of the Staff sincerely hope we have accomplished our goal.

Editor-in-Chief .....David Perry
Associate Editor.....Carolyn Lehman
Business Manager.....Dick Baxter
Advertising Manager.....Rosalie Mavis
Associate Advertising Manager.....Betty Lou Miller
Circulation Manager.....Joan Kiggins
Associate Circulation Manager.....Marilyn Loetz
Faculty Editor.....Patsy Irwin

Organizations.....Jackie Owens, Martha Ellen Conley
Marilyn Baxter
Features.....Virginia Brokaw, Frances Tuttle
Personalities.....Colleen Oswalt, Shirley Holland
Calendar .....Margaret Kintz
Boys' Sports Editor.....Reg James
Girls' Sports Editor.....Pat Benford
Photography.....Glen Jenkins, John Alspach

THE SCARLET QUILL STAFF

The Scarlet Quill adopted a new policy this year which has been beneficial to all the members. In former years there was one editor-in-chief for the entire school year, but this year each person has had the advantage and responsibility for serving in this office. Due to the co-operation of each individual this plan has been very successful and has helped each one to feel that he has done his share in making the paper a success.

The members of the staff were:

Dick Baxter and Reg James, business managers; Rosalie Mavis, exchange editor; Jackie Owens and Frances Tuttle, circulation managers; David Perry and Pat Benford, sports editors; Patsy Irwin, Shirley Holland, Martha Ellen Conley, Carolyn Lehman, Colleen Oswalt, Betty Lou Miller, Virginia Brokaw, Joan Kiggins, Marilyn Loetz, and Marilyn Baxter.

In an Old Log Cabin

Waltzing

Strike One!

Agler Off Tackle

The Beating Drums Send Forth Their Chant

Throughout the school year the band has taken part in many activities.

The band participated in a majority of the football games and made a special trip to Columbus last fall to see the high-stepping Ohio State Band.

Many ensembles and soloists played for various civic functions and later this year they will attend the annual Northwestern Ohio High School Band Festival to be held at Bexley High School, Columbus.

April 5 and 6 were the dates of the Annual Band Concert. The theme song was "Now Is the Hour", dedicated to the Senior Class of '48. Benjamin Waitman and Robert Wollet acted as student directors. Bernice Beck and Martha Ellen Conley, two of the drum majorettes. acted as mistresses of ceremonies. Donald Wolf, a senior in the school of music education, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, was guest clarinet soloist. Peggy Schaffer, a member of the school band, played a saxaphone solo and Martha Ellen Conley was the soloist.

The officers for the band are as follows: President, Jay Hall; Secretary, Gloria Carlo; Librarians, Juanita Thatcher and Nancy Lea; Property Boys, Stanley Agler and Gene Bagley.

The officers for the Lyre Club are: President, Jay Hall; Vice President, Benjaman Waitman; Secretary, Gloria Carlo.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the band as well as the twentieth year of service for Mr. Wolf as director of the school band. We, the seniors of the band wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Wolf for all the things he has taught us and the inspiration he has been to us and the band members of the past twenty years.

THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR

Van Wert High School may well be proud of the choral group which has brought the charm of blended voices to our community as well as to our high school. The students presented an operetta, "Hollywood Extra" on October 21-22, 1947. They sang for the Rotary Club as well as at the final Lenten service of the city churches at the Methodist Church. The Van Wert High School band combined with the students of Chorus to present a very unique Christmas program for the rest of the high school. The final performance of the entire group was given March 8-9 when the 1948 Choral Concert was presented in the Lincoln Auditorium. This presentation will long be remembered as one of the finest and most entertaining.

Special mention should here be given to the boys' quartet and the girls' sextettes. The boys' quartet was composed of Roger Cobb, Don Thomas, Benjamin Waitman, and Robert Wollet. The first girls' sextette had as its members Rita Grimes, Fernetta Sackinger, Martha Stoops, Joyce Herring, Dorothy Wilder, and Jean Becker. The second girls' sextette was composed of Marilyn Poling, Carol Hisey, Barbara Ladd, Mary Ann Hennerman, Shirley Harting, and Carol Stevens. These three groups and five soloists entered the district contests. The soloists were Roger Cobb, baritone; Rita Grimes, soprano; Benjamin Waitman, tenor; Barbara Ladd, alto; and Robert Wollet, baritone. The contests were continued to the finals at Columbus where Roger Cobb received a rating of excellent as did the first girls' sextette.

This high school is indeed deeply indebted to Mr. Harold E. Mohr, who has ably directed and trained this group in such a fine manner. None of this would have been possible without the conscientious effort put forth by him during the past year.

To Mr. Mohr and to the students enrolled in Chorus, we say "Thank you for a year of fine and wonderful music."

Senior Class Presents – *"The Great Big Doorstep"*

On April 27 and 28, the Senior Class presented "The Great Big Doorstep", a three act comedy, by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett. The play, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Foltz, was enjoyed by capacity audiences both nights of production.

The entire action of the play takes place at the Crochet home, a mere shack, in Grass Margin, Louisiana.

The cast was as follows:

Evvie Crochet, a pretty young girl of fifteen.....Pat Imler.
Topal Crochet, a sweet thing of seventeen .....Betty Lou Miller
Mrs. Crochet, young mother of six children .....Martha Ellen Conley
Elna and Fleece Crocher, two little girls, twins of about ten....Doris Edwards and Betty Owens
Arthur Crochet, and anxious boy of sixteen .....Dave Zeigler
Tobin, a lank, unpreposessing Texan.....Ben Waitman
Commodore, a well-fed "drainage expert" .....Tom Agler
Mrs. Dupre, a small, energetic woman.....Marilyn Poling
Tayo, a sturily-built, good-looking Cajun .....Dick Langdon
Dewey, a large well-dressed man .....Roger Kriesher
Mrs. Beaumont Crochet, a florist from New Orleans .....Frances Tuttle

The prompter was Marilyn Loetz—stage manager, Dick Baxter

Junior Class Presents – *"Our Girls"*

The class of '49, under the direction of Mrs. Foltz, presented "Our Girls," a three-act comedy by Conrad Seiler, on November 18 and 19. The hilarious story concerns the Lovejoy family which consists of Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy and their three sons. Mrs. Lovejoy's Aunt Jessie is in a position to give the family some much needed financial aid. Unfortunately Aunt Jessie is allergic to boys and since she has never seen them she is under the delusion that Jesse, Vivian and Francis are girls. The fun begins when she comes to visit. The boys are forced to masquerade as girls which results in many amusing situations. However, Aunt Jessie finally undergoes a change of heart and all ends happily.

THE CAST

Elmer Lovejoy.....R. B. Humphreys
Mildred Lovejoy.....Shirley Harding
Jesse.....Dennis Walters
Francis.....Howard Henney
Vivian.....Paul Rhodes
Aunt Jessie.....Ann Pettijohn
Mrs. Wattles.....Martha Emans
Chester.....Dale Davies
Phyllis.....Susan Mericle
Hulda.....Gladene Copeland
Expressman.....Marion Baker

Beauty on Parade

Come On, Yell!

Heads or Tails

On The Air

Dogpatch Couple

Big Construction Engineer

OUR SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

OCCASION—PROM PLACE—LINCOLN GYM
DATE—MAY 16, 1947 TIME—9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

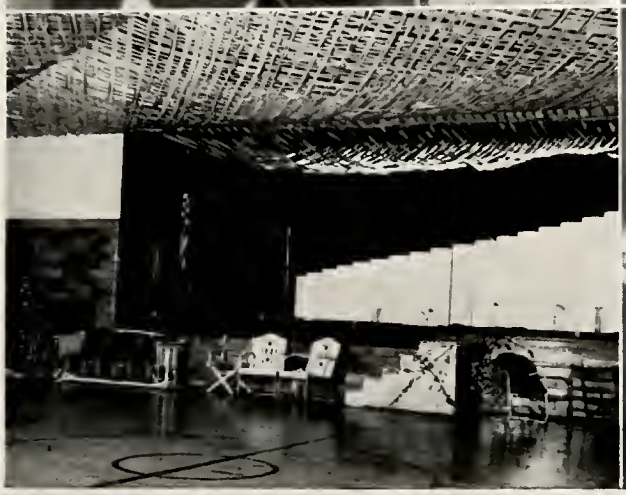
Picture springtime in all its glory and we have the Prom of 1947!

A basket-woven ceiling of pale blue and white streamers looked down on swishing skirts and dignified tuxedos. The third side of the formal garden was formed by a small arched gate and white lattice work entwined with spring flowers. Gliders and wicker chairs, inviting comfortable resting places for the gay dancers, were placed among the green shrubbery bordering the dance floor. In one corner of the make-believe garden swam live gold fish in a small wishing pond. Directly opposite the pond was a brightly decorated stand which saved refreshments to the thirsty guests.

The couples danced to the music of Bernie Welch and his orchestra.

President Roger Cobb welcomed the seniors on behalf of the junior class. Bob Jones, president of the senior class, gave the response.

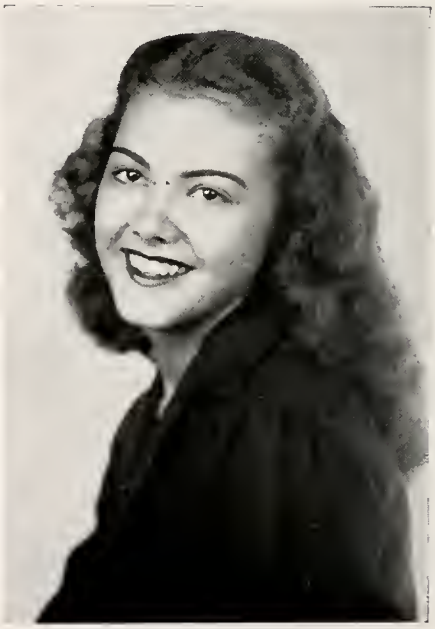
This Prom was the first in the history of Van Wert High School which alumni and students of other schools could attend as guests of our own juniors and seniors. Consequently, the attendance was very high and the old saying "the more the merrier" was a certainty!



THE HOMECOMING

The Homecoming of the class of '48 was the first to be held in nine years. It was sponsored by the Journalism class, and proved to be a huge success in spite of inclement weather .

Mildred Beemer, a senior, was elected queen, and was a very capable one. Her attendants were: senior, Rosemary Dilworth; junior, Delores Brockert; sophomore, Virginia Scott; and freshman, Patty McCollum.



Invitations were mailed to graduates of the previous three years for the occasion, and many of them were able to attend.

The festivities began with a parade to which some of the dealers and teachers generously contributed the use of their cars. From the YWCA, the parade passed through Main Street to the stadium. At the half of the game Miss Beemer and her attendants proceeded across the football field toward the stadium where she was crowned "Queen of the Homecoming."

The Mrs. Is Jealous

Swing It

Abner Shortage

Laborers' Lane

Way Back in '36

Men at Work

All Set for a Big Night

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

8—Back again!! Hello Greenies!!
9—Daily Brothers Circus—didn't sneak in either!!!
10—Cheerleader tryouts.
11—Signed activities tickets—my aching fingers!!
12—Bryan football game. Ours 6-14.
13—Are you kidding?? No school!!
14—"The Lord's Days"
15—Y-Teen Open House.
17—GAA hike—Am I dead!!!
19—Defiance game—We won 6-14.
20—Still recoverying from the dance.
22—V-Club meeting.
23—Fire drill—Surprise????
24—GAA Induction and Initiation—Big time!!!
25—One common Thursday coming up!!
26—Kenton game—We lost 13-6.
Election of class officers.
27—Another wonderful Saturday.
28—Sang in choir today.
29—Results of class elections.
30—Senior Hi-Y meeting.

OCTOBER

1—Out early today—Yippee!!!
2—Heard a good joke today—Ha!!
3—Bluffton game—We won 0-20.
"Frosh Frost Mixer"
4—Cleaned the house.
5—Late for church—Shameful!!!
6—Y-Teens' Induction Ceremony.
7—Pictures taken for Excalibur—Poor camera!!
8—One of my bad days!!!!!
9—More lockers found unlocked!!!
10—Bellefontaine game—We won 6-26.
11—The house certainly does get dirty!!
12—Air Scout Court of Honor.
13—"National Letter Writing Week"
14—Community Chest Campaign.
15—English war bride at FHA.
16—Scarlet Quill.
17—Wapak game—We won 0-26.
20—"Vandalism occurring in stadium".
21—Student Council meeting.
22—Grade cards—need I say more????
23—Parents recovering from the shock.
24—Lima Central game—We lost 14-12.
27—Junior Class Play tryouts.
28—Kuder Preference Test.
29—W.O.W.O. Radio Recording.
30—Halloween party. Ooaeeeeeee!!!
31—St. Marys game—We lost 6-0.

NOVEMBER

3—The football is on the roof again!!!!
4—GAA potluck for football fellows.
Election for Homecoming Queen.
5—Pep Football Rally at Shine's Theater.
6—Pigskin Special.
7—Celina game.
8—Y-Teen Bake Sale.
9—Church.
10—Football pictures taken.
11—Slept in study hall today—Tu Tu.
12—V-Club meeting.
14—Scarlet Quill.
17—Y-Teen and Hi-Y chili supper.
18—GAA meeting.
19—FHA potluck.
Junior Class Play—Good work!!!
20—I wish homeroom were longer!!
21—FFA mixer.
24—Rendezvous Decoration Committee meeting.
25—Hi-Y meeting.
26—Scarlet Quill.
Religious Thanksgiving assembly.
Four glorious days of vacation.

DECEMBER

1—Good turkey—sigh—only memories now.
2—Basketball uniforms issued.
3—FHA Christmas party.
4—Found—one pair of saddle shoes.
5—Recognition of football players.
6—Went to Fort Wayne.
7—Need sleep!!!!!
8—Assembly—Coles' Marionettes.
9—Macbeth is getting me down.
10—GAA Christmas party—Decorated tree.
11—Caught chewing gum three times!!
13—Have to work on the house.
15—Hi-Y meeting.
16—Selling Y-Teen pencils today.
17—Rendezvous Committee meeting.
19—Christmas assembly. Scarlet Quill.
Locker clean up—Dirt!!!!!
26—Holiday Ball at Paulding.

JANUARY

1—Happy New Year!!!
2—Leap year—Up and at em!!!
5—Back to the old grind.
6—Had credits checked today—enough!!
8—Roaming in the corridors. Oh oh!!
12—Hi-Y meeting.
13—Held discussion on the United Nations.
14—GAA meeting.
15—Another dull day!!!
16—Celina game.
Measured for caps and gowns.
17—Envy those who get to sleep.
19—Choral Concert.
21—FHA meeting—Teen Age Problems.
22—Time to pay Y-Teen dues.

23—Wapak game—We won 47-40.
24—GAA dance.
25—Not much for the collection.
26—Paid GAA dues.
27—Defiance game—We lost 50-57.
28—V-Club meeting.
29—March of Dimes.
30—Delphos St. John game—no remark!!
31—Not even chicken feed left!!

FEBRUARY

1—Busy man that Mr. Shaffer!!!
2—Wish I had time to breathe!!!
3—Gold footballs engraved.
5—Talk on nursing for girls.
6—Bluffton game.
7—Senior Scholarship Test.
9—Y-Teen Membership Dinner.
10—Student Council meeting.
11—Speech Plays—Beginning of Lent.
17—Scarlet Quill—Are you superstitious???
Kenton game.
14—Valentine's Day—Good candy.
16—Party for Decoration Committee for Snowball.
17—Bryan game—We won 43-42 (long shot in last 35 seconds).
18—GAA Penny Lunch.
20—Bellefontaine game—We lost 43-31.
22—Washington's birthday.
23—Another blue Monday.
24—Hi-Y meeting.
26—Intramural finals won by FFA.
27—FFA assembly.
29—Short month wasn't it????

MARCH

1—Pictures of Varsity Basketball squad.
2—GAA and Hi-Y meeting.
3—Eighth Grade Visitation.
4—Meeting of National Honor Society.
5—Basketball Tournament—We're out.
Honor Society Induction.
6—Current fad—Water pistols.
7—Church morning and afternoon.
8—Choral Concert—Banquets—Parties.
9—Choral Concert.
10—GAA potluck for basketball players.
11—Grade cards yesterday!!!
12—Assembly—Ain't Nature Wonderful.
Sadie Hawkins.
15—Y-Teen meeting.
16—Out at 2:30. Yipeeeeeeeee!!!
17—Someone is throwing wads again.
18—District Hi-Y Conference.
Didn't win the car at the show.
19—National Honor Society meeting.
20—Didn't get to sleep this Saturday.
21—Palm Sunday.
22—Civics test put off—good thing!!
23—Had the test today.
24—What goes on in the shower room????
25—Easter Assembly.
26—Good Friday—No school.
28—Easter Sunday—Alleluia!!!!!
29—School again—Ghastly!!!!
31—Every pupil tests.

APRIL

2—County Y-Teen Dance.
3—Could do with a little sleep and money!!!
4—There goes the collection again.
5—Band Concert.
6—Student Council meeting.
7—I'm hearing those noises again—sounds like the tardy bell!!
9—Preliminary District State Scholarship Tests.
10—It's getting harder to get up!!
16—Student Mixer—sponsored by FHA.
Only one more six weeks to suffer!!
17—Choral Concert—Ada.
19—Activity Ticket Campaign begins.
23—Hi-Y Ladies Night.
26—My, how time does fly!!
27—Senior Class Play—Yea!!!
29—Trouble! (still have hopes of graduating).
30—Time for the next month to begin.

MAY

1—Final District State Scholarship Test—Defiance.
2—A birthday in the family.
3—Activity Ticket Campaign ended.
4—What a life!! No homework.
5—Big vacation!!! My dream last night.
7—Grade School Music Festival.
14—Band Festival.
18—Recognition Assembly—scholarship and other awards.
19—Senior rehearsal for Commencement and Baccalaureate.
21—Senior Recognition Assembly.
Excalibur given out—We hope!!
Junior and Senior Prom (a day, night, and morning to remember).
23—Baccalaureate Sermon—Stadium.
31—Today the teachers work!!!!!

JUNE

1—Close of school.
Wish a bright future to all!!!!!

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

Time: 1998, all the Seniors of '48 are lined up in front of the Pearly Gates after a long, well-lived (?) life. They are anxiously giving an account of themselves to St. Peter, who is taking it down in his Book of Life.

Tom Agler has spent his life playing pro basketball with the Pistons, he's got that drive, you know. Nolan Ainsworth is Tom's favorite waterboy.

Dean Anderson has written a best-seller entitled "Money Without Work." Isabel Arthur holds a top place in the government—she tells you, even if your best friends won't "Cub Baer bared the secret of his life in a startling 150 page expose'—he was born. Jane Bagley, Kathryn, and La Donna have merged the establishments of their respective fathers, and are now advertised as Queenie and her two princesses — square deals for all. Margaret Barrientos has joined the cough syrup company formed by her brothers of '43. It not only sweetens your breath, but makes your cough sound like sweet music.

Mary Ellen Bartlett has quietly taken a back seat while her football star husband proceeds to the top. Walter Bashore has been elected the most polite radio servicer in the business!!! Marilyn Baxter was elected, by the class of '48, as the world's greatest trick roller skater—a success after 100 revolutions she became a flop, hit the floor that is! Dick Baxter has worked himself up from potato sacker to district manager for the A&P. Bob Becker has lead a blameless life in his "Pair 'o' Dice" Club. Millie Beemer was elected and crowned Peanut Queen of 1955 and continued from there. Patty Lou has her own show now, known as Pat's Pet Peeve Program. Marilyn Billieu (blew) with Max and Mirium, class of '47. Janie Brockert is the "funnywoman" behind Red Skelton's jokes. Ge Ge Brokaw is the new "trier-outer" for Beauty Rest Mattresses since her pet passion is sleeping. Miriam Brown has capitalized on her smile for Irium.

Zela Buerkley is famous for her bubble dance done with new plastic bubbles that will not explode, crack or fade. Franklin Chivington was head engineer on the bridge which recently spanned the English Channel. Roger Cobb is producer, director, backer, and the male lead in Cobb's Corn Follies which is beginning its 25th year on Broadway with its original cast!! Martha Ellen Conley can be seen any opening night at the Met singing her favorite role in "Madame Butterfly," twirling her baton, and with Bill pulling the curtain for her curtain calls.

Wedding bells were heard late in the 40's for Joan Conwell and Joe Reilly. Martha Davies succeeded "Stub" Balveat and is now in partnership at the Coffee Shop. Helen Davis runs a glue factory out in Colorado, she wants to "stay away from it all" and this helps.

Rosie Dilworth is touring the country side with her zoo billed as "Rosies" Zoo for kids from 7 to 70. Dale Dougal is an eminent botanist due to an interest developed at Posie's Pot Shop. Doris Edwards is now Dean of Women at a school for prospective poker players. Her ability to hold a poker face is a joy to the old masters. "Bill" Eschbach is now the prima ballerina of the "Fire-fly Ballet," without her the show couldn't go on—she's the fire!!

"Ott Etzler is the first general in the National Baseball League — general clean-up man. Lois Evans can be seen nightly at Binky's Bar-B-Q, cleaning up on the slot machines. Pat Flanagan is known all over the world for "Flanagan's Fancy Fan Dance." Bonnie Foreman's finance had promised her, her name in lights after they were married. She is now chief cook and bottle washer at Bonnie's Bun House. John Rogers (Rogers for Hornsby) Fraylick is golf pro in Hollywood, helping Bing and Bob brush up for the tournament.

Helen Furrell is the one and only in her field able to take dictation from a tobacco auctioneer. Bob Gallaway holds down a well paid (?) job in Puerto Rico. He shovels snow from the sidewalks of the embassy!! Dot Germann is in big money, she's bookkeeper at Santa Anita. Rita Grimes has taken "Miriam's" place on Bob Hope's program—she uses Irium!!! Jay Hall and his "Boogie-woogie Jive-five for a solid-sender on a Bender" is playing the Hollywood Bowl, rivaling "Tex." Josephine Hartman bought out Harry Tomczak and has renamed it "Josie's Posies."

Joy Herring's 30 second commercial runs like this—"Do you have trouble making your husband mind because you are shorter than he? Buy Herring's specially-made shoes and be 3 inches taller." Carol Hisey recently published her latest book "How to Preserve, not Pickle, Your Looks." Shirley Ann Holland and Colleen Oswalt are now writing class prophecies on a paying basis!!!

Gomer Humrickhouse's friendly face is seen on billboards from coast-to-coast. He is known as the "Baby Rattle King". Pat Imler has full-filled her childhood ambition, she has a program entitled "Patia Faces Life". Patsy Irwin went back to her native Chicago and is a well-known policewoman, right in the center of the Loop!!! Reg James is the famous, six-shootin', rough, tough, fighter for the personal liberty of the wild, wild west. Glen Jenkins took over at the Schines' and is head movie projectioner! Dan Jerome wrote an unabridged book on basketball rules which "dribbled" for 1001 pages. Joyce Johnson has perfected a shampoo "to keep natural blonde hair natural." Liz Jones married a millionaire and is now taking in washings for a living.

Joannie Kiggins is president of a world-famous organization . . . "Kig's Kamera Klub." Jackie King was voted the neatest lapfull of Ohio. Peg Kintz started her own business called "Peg's Pinball Playland." Her main customer is Peg. Barbara Kreischer lives a peaceful life in the metropolis of Ohio City. Don Kreischer went into the ring and is known as "Bone-Kreischer". (joke). Roger Kreischer's composition "I Can't Make It End" is beginning to worry Buddy Berigan's promoter because of Mr. B's "I Can't Get Started". Bob Laing is chief cheerleader for the U. N. Assembly, which has finally settled down. Howard Lamb is speaker of U. N., it's rumored he's a second Daniel Webster!!

Dick Langdon is seen every summer on July 4 at Van Wert's famous Speedways. Carol Lehman is captain of the famous pro basketball team, name of sponsor withheld by request. Bill Lininger has started a lonely hearts club. Marilyn Loetz, famous for high school readings now gives them daily . . . to the fourth ward kindergarten!! Gene Martz took Ike's place in the Army. Rosalie Mavis was found in a secluded corner of Cairo charming snakes with her clarinet. Ed Maxson has made like Rip Van Winkle for the last half century! Gloria Mengerink is keeping books for Secretary of Commerce. Betty Lou Miller is editor of Merry Male's Mag. (azine) David Miller has become a "modern" author, equal to modern painters.

Jessie Miller is picking pansies for Josie's Posy Shop. John Moore had the record crop for squash in 1978. Charles Myers became the First-General in the Navy (general clean-up). Dave McCollum has just patented a new tonic, "How to make your hair grow curly". Phyllis Oechsle heard wedding bells late in the 1940's. Betty Owens is proprietress of "Betty's Bargain Beauty Shop". Jackie Owens is editor of the NEW YORK TIMES. Dorothy Pace is co-owner. Hannah Paullus succeeded Cliff Clevenger and is the strongest advocator of de-polluting the town creek. David Perry is working fiendishly on a trip to Mars to educate the Martians in the ways of editors. Marion Phillips was voted best coach in the country last year. His flea circus is about ready for its debut. Marilyn Poling won the national Husking bee last week—she had no competition, however, as she mistook the men's ears for husks and threw them all in the wagons. Gordon Prill has taken over the Dr. Pierce's Prescription Plant and is making them under the pseudonym of Prill's Pills for Pale People. Bill Purmort is now posing as man of distinction for Eskay Chocolate Milk. Janice Ragan has a split personality—in the mornings she becomes the author of "Ragan's Ragin' Rattle Rustlers" serial, and in the afternoon she breaks the broncos she writes about. Joan Runnion has retired to Dogpatch and is now known as Marryin' Sam (Sam Short for Samuelvia). Fernetta Sackinger has her own All "Ghoul" Choir, with Dorothy Wilder as soloist. Joan Schaeper has worked hard and is first woman-superintendent of schools in the U. S. Roger Scott is ace mechanic at Roger's Ready Service. Bill Seavy is touring the country and the continent billed as Seavy's Seven Shakespearian Actors, playing only comedies. Robert Severns is now head pharmacist at Mayo's—Mayo's dog and cat clinic, that is. No "little old lady" is seen on the street without a shawl by Shaw—Ruth. Pat Sheibly has gone into the writing business; she's kept busy putting down all her brother's exploits. Robert Sherrick has taken over Mad Man Muntz's business, and was successful in adding a mechanics garage. Wayne Showalter is sending all his little Showalters to excel in V.W.H.S. Donn Shriver has worked his way up and is now district manager for Schine's Inc. Wayne Sidle is making the fair circuit billed as Sidle's Sidling Sideshow. Bonnie Smith is Rosalie Mavis' only rival. Gwendolyn wrote to her union two and a half years ago to get permission to join Bonnie and Rosalie, so far she hasn't been successful.

"Mackey" Springer has national fame as the top trumpeter for the U. S. Army. Martha Stoops is selling Johnson 12 h.p. motors to the Cherokee Indians, for their Speed-Queen canoes. Don Thomas is top football man in the U. S. Pat Thomas is head-gal on the famous Sunday nite program—John's Other Head. Sam Tindall is running Tindall's Turkish Temperate Tubs with free towels furnished. Frances Tuttle is modeling for Al Capp (y'know—Sadie Hawkins).

Kenneth Van Doren has graduated to head window washer at the Empire State Building. "Clem" Vetter lived to a ripe old age, first playing football for Michigan U. and then as Coach. Ben Waitman is the "One Man" on "One Man's Funeral". Bernard Waltz is National Advisor to F.B.A. Harold Welker is capitalizing on his curly eyelashes out in Hollywood.

Bob Wollet is singing solos at the Met. Opera House—so-lo (poke) no one can hear him. David Zeigler is another Webster—he is known as the greatest orator of Pleasant Township.

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Best-looking boy.....Bob Wollet

Best-looking girl.....Mildred Beemer

Best-dressed boy.....Bill Purmort

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Girl with best figure.....Jackie Owens

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Friendliest girl.....Joan Kiggins

Best boy athlete.....Don Thomas

Best girl athlete.....Carol Lehman

Boy with best personality.....Roger Cobb

Girl with best personality.....Peggy Kintz

Most studious boy.....Rogers Fraylick

Most studious girl.....Virginia Brokaw

Boy most likely to succeed.....Dave Perry

Girl most likely to succeed.....Rosalie Mavis

Wittiest boy.....Jay Hall

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Van Wert High School Band

Invocation.....Rev. H. E. Reece

"Beautiful Savior".....Christiansen
High School Choir

Scripture Lesson.....Rev. Arthur E. Brewer

"O Sing Your Songs".....Noble Cain
High School Choir

Baccalaureate Sermon....."The More Excellent Way"
Rev. Edward Driscoll

Benediction.....Victor Paul Wierwille

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You".....Lutkins
High School Choir

Recessional, "The Pilgrim".....M. L. Lake
High School Band

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VAN WERT HIGH SCHOOL

May 25, 1948 - 6:30 P.M.

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Van Wert High School Band

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National Anthem, by the Audience.....Directed by Harold E. Mohr
Accompanied by Van Wert High School Band

Cornet Trio, "Three Kings".....Walter M. Smith
Jay Hall, Max Springer, Roger Kreischer

Mixed Vocal Ensemble, "Ours is the World".....Haydn Morgan

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Fernetta Sackinger	Don Thomas
Marilyn Poling	Robert Wollet
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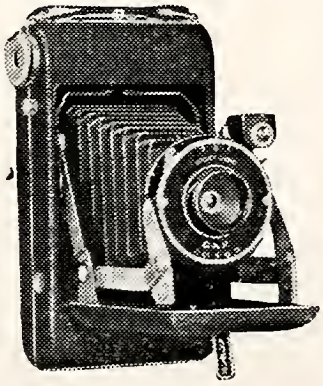

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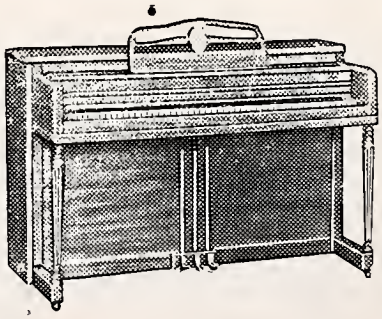

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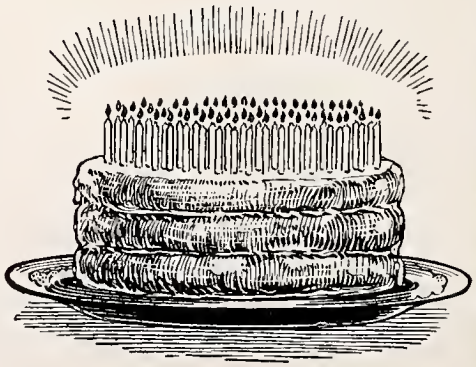

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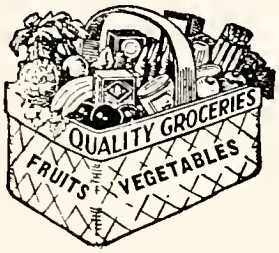

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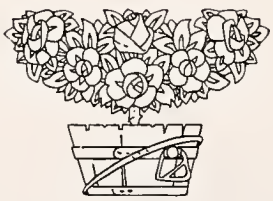

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